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# Northern Iowa *Today*

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**You  
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home  
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Homecoming  
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**W**hen we commenced pondering what should grace the cover of this issue of Northern Iowa Today, we just didn't have the heart to tackle another visual representation of our ongoing budget woes. A broken piggy or Panther bank? A University Cabinet bake sale? We just couldn't go there.

We decided that the message we most wanted to communicate is how much we'd like to have you, a part of our family, come back to campus for a visit, especially this fall during Homecoming and/or Family Weekend. We know, we know – you always have to come to our place. We never come there (at least we write). But it's so hard to pack up 14,000 students, and there's the power plant to be stoked, cows to be milked and chickens to be fed...

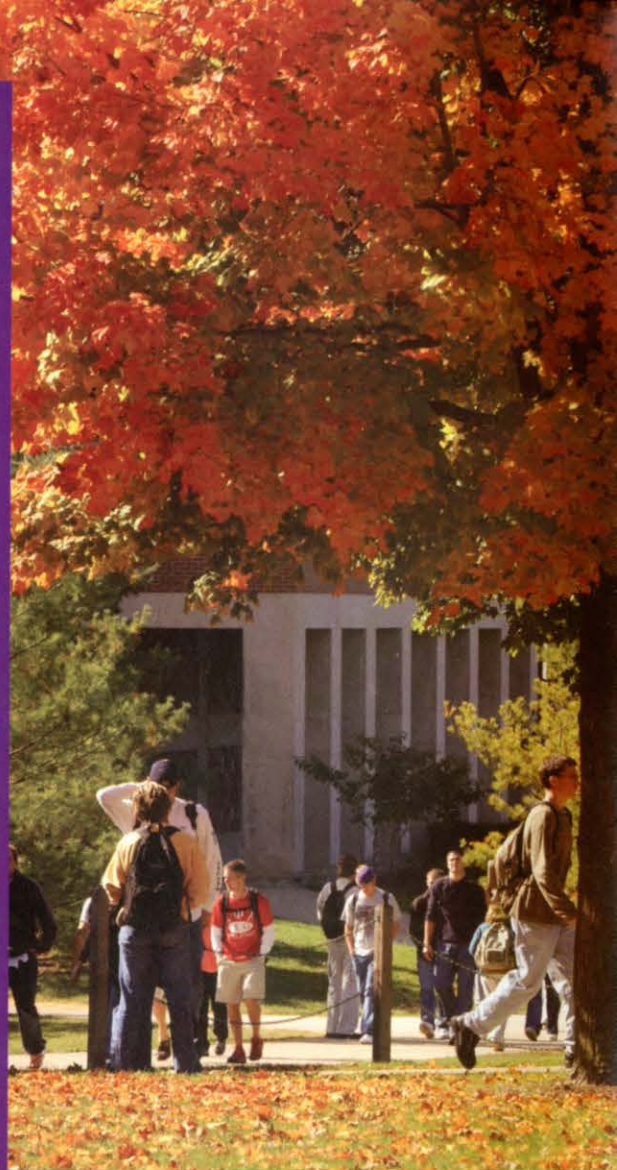
OK. Yes. We do have some money problems, but we promise not to talk about them incessantly when you come back. In fact, your smiling faces would provide us with something of a diversion.

The place still looks good, faculty/staff are still friendly and we think all of the Panthers are going to be pretty tenacious this fall. The Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center has scheduled its biggest season to date, and the Gallery of Art, Theatre UNI, UNI Museums, School of Music and many other entities are just waiting to enlighten or entertain you. Plus, the food is always good here.

So plan a trip back, whether you're 20 miles or 2,000 miles away. If you haven't been back in a while, it will be an eye-opener. And don't forget one of the elements that made your years here special – your classmates. Make it a group effort. Renew those contacts.

The schedules for Homecoming and Family Weekend are on pages 12-13. And there are reasons and opportunities to come back featured throughout this magazine. So, think UNI.

Think **Purple for Life**.—GA





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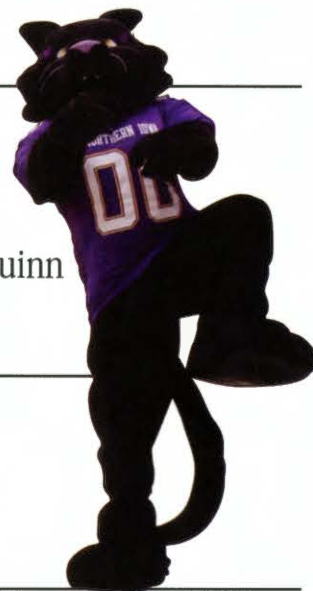
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# UNI's international programs cope with world events

by Denton Ketels

**K**risti Marchesani was visiting Indonesia in October 2002 when terrorists bombed a Bali nightclub and killed more than 200 people. Soon after, she was in Hong Kong when the first SARS patients died. Three of her trips to the Middle East have been cancelled in the past three years.

Marchesani is not a secret agent. She is UNI's assistant director of admissions for international relations, spreading the word about UNI to potential enrollees around the globe. While scary events and eleventh-hour schedule changes are not everyday occurrences, they certainly underscore the complexities involved with developing international relationships in the modern world. For Marchesani and others who oversee international student and alumni programs, security is now a top priority. Contingency planning is a moment-to-moment exercise. Most important, participants must continuously be apprised of potential problems.

"I mainly rely on the State Department Web site and updates from my professional organization (NAFSA: Association of International Educators) to get a feel for the global environment and travel advisories," Marchesani said. "Most of the tour companies who organize the recruiting fairs also have contacts in all of the countries to get an inside viewpoint on safety issues."

With reliable information at her disposal, Marchesani says she has found that conditions are not always what the casual news watcher might perceive them to be. "Gulf countries like Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates are some of the most welcoming and hospitable we visit," Marchesani said. "We still intend to travel to the Middle East this fall, but we keep our eye on current events. If, because of safety concerns, we can't recruit using current methods, we'll continue to get students through other means."

"What's important is that we have record enrollment in terms of the total number of international students," Marchesani said. "It's just a bit more of a challenge."

**Tracy Roling, director of overseas placement services** for educators, runs the UNI Overseas Recruiting Fair, the oldest such event in the world and the only one in the United States sponsored by a university. Representatives from 120 American International Schools flock to UNI every February to hire teachers for the children of American business people, diplomats, military personnel and NATO affiliates.

Roling and her staff try to empower candidates with as much information, awareness and common sense as possible. She also consults the State Department Web site, receives communications from the Department of Defense concerning specific schools, and talks to colleagues abroad about which neighborhoods are safe and which ones should be avoided. She reinforced the fact that 30-second news stories provide an inadequate basis for decision making.

Roling said, "If you talk to



Americans living in countries where problems are occurring, you may find that there are huge regions of that country that are nothing like what you may have just seen on television news. Host countries are typically very supportive. Conflict and crisis may not be the reality for many of the people living there."

Teachers are dedicated people, and the determination of those seeking overseas assignments often overpowers any hesitancy about going to a region that might be considered unstable. About 600 teachers come to the fair every year looking for full-time jobs and, according to Roling, most teachers and recruiters get what they came for. "It's very unusual for a school to walk away without having filled their positions," she said.

**Student teachers looking for international** experience obviously face the same concerns as graduates. Janey Montgomery, director of UNI's Out-of-State and International Student Teaching program, said students and their families are generally very aware of situations in other countries. That, combined with the program's approach to placements, helps keep students out of dangerous places.

"We have selected sites for student teachers to choose from, but essentially don't have designated sites where we send students every year," Montgomery said. "Therefore, as world conditions change, the students themselves are selective and avoid certain parts of the world."

Consequently, the program continues to grow despite world troubles. "We have more contacts than we have students to send," Montgomery said. "Opportunities are based on the availability of teachers, and each student gets recruited. Literally, the world is at our disposal."

International student teachers are required to do extensive research projects about their countries of choice and must attend pre-departure seminars that include health and security issues as part of the curriculum. Travel etiquette is also part of these discussions.

Montgomery said that students are never sent to countries that correspond to warnings in the State Department system. Those warnings change frequently, and each placement is monitored accordingly. "Just this week, a student was advised that her fall 2003 placement to Kenya could not be honored due to new warnings posted," Montgomery said.

In any travel situation, students and staff are encouraged to make decisions based on their own comfort levels. Montgomery said that even though she chose to cancel one of her own recent trips, OOS/IST placement coordinator Maria Henning made decisions to go through with travel plans just two days after 9/11 and one day after the U. S. attacked Iraq.

**Henning, after consulting her family**, went to American military bases in Italy to visit student teachers. Henning said, "My philosophy was that if something is going to happen to me it could happen while I'm driving to and from work." The student teachers were appreciative of her visits, and they reported feeling secure and well treated.

Not surprisingly, Department of Defense Schools are very well protected. Student teachers are taught to follow emergency procedures along with other civilians. Depending on the status of the alert—Alpha (lowest), Bravo, Charlie or Delta (highest)—different procedures are taken. International Schools are usually linked to an American Embassy with a telephone 'hot line' and get advisories from the embassy in the event of suspicious activities in the area.

### **SARS hits home for UNI grad**

Kevin Hessel '02 wanted an international business experience. He had that, plus first-hand experience with a world-wide epidemic.

Using a contact from his UNI professor, Hessel set up a six-month internship with the largest auto manufacturer in China, First Automobile Works (FAW). Excited about the possibility of tapping China's business market, UNI's College of Business Administration agreed to pay for his plane ticket to China. Hessel arrived in Changchun, China on February 12.

"I worked in several different departments, focusing on import and export," Hessel, a finance major who is certified in international business, explains. "I dealt with contracts and bills of lading, plus I gave tours to potential clients. I met with people from all over, including the Middle East, Yemen and Cameroon."

"When SARS was first announced, most of the people in Changchun were not too concerned," Hessel recalls. "Of course, later we discovered that the Chinese government was concealing information about it. I was hearing the stories from home, so I was more worried than most."

As the epidemic grew, people became more frightened. "By the time I left in April, about half of the people in our city of 6.8 million were wearing masks," Hessel says. "Right after I left China, several people in Changchun died from SARS. In hindsight, the risk was very slim, but it was nerve-wracking at the time." With his internship cut short due to SARS, FAW bought him a plane ticket home and provided him with a high-quality mask to wear on the flight.

Flying home, Hessel went through stringent controls in China. "I had to stand on a pedestal and this machine took my temperature. If it was too high, alarms went off and lights started flashing. Those people were immediately quarantined," he says. But when he arrived in San Francisco, things were a little different. "There was just one guy from CDC handing out pamphlets as we disembarked," Hessel explains.

Despite the epidemic, Hessel says he wouldn't trade his time there for anything. "It was all I wanted and more. They were fantastic hosts and really made me feel comfortable," he says. "I definitely want to go back someday."

The CBA is currently in talks with FAW to set up an on-going internship program. They hope to set up a rotating exchange with six students per year.



Henning said, "Our student teachers have developed a greater appreciation for the sacrifices made by our military personnel and their families, and they're happy to be a part of the military family on base."

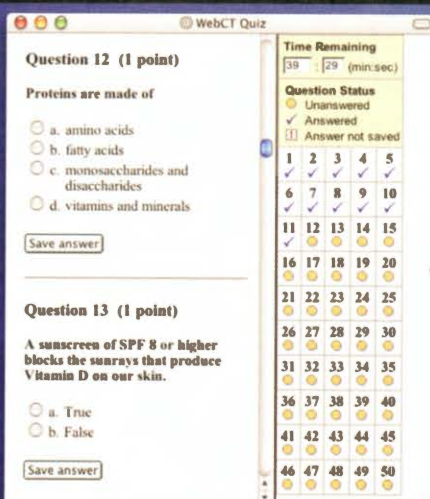
"Every time I've visited these schools I've been amazed at how friendly everyone is and how they go out of their way to help our student teachers."

**The SARS epidemic posed** difficulties for a handful of MBA students in UNI's Hong Kong program. Leslie Wilson, associate dean of the UNI College of Business Administration, said three faculty members who were scheduled to teach this summer were prevented from traveling to China during the outbreak. The classes were subsequently cancelled, and because of the fall schedule for those faculty members here on campus, students who would have graduated from the Hong Kong program in the fall will now have to wait until February 2004.

**Director of Alumni Relations Noreen Hermansen** said UNI Alumni Association-sponsored trips have continued, and will continue, as planned. Only one trip has been cancelled so far, and that was a sold-out tour to China that happened to be scheduled in June during the SARS outbreak. It has been rescheduled for exactly the same dates in 2004, at no penalty or additional cost to passengers.

According to Hermansen, the Alumni Association works with travel companies that specialize in alumni tours of the educational and excursionary type. The Alumni Association sponsors 12-15 overseas travel opportunities each year.

"Our trips have been very popular with both alumni and friends of the university," Hermansen said. "The programs are continually evaluated for quality and always take into consideration the safety and interests of our passengers." Hermansen said the UNI Alumni Association plans to broaden its offerings to include domestic travel opportunities.



# Technology in the Classroom



by DeWayne Purdy

For decades, technology in the classroom meant chalk, an overhead or a filmstrip projector. In today's UNI classes, the use of e-mail is nearly as ubiquitous as chalk once was, and Web or PowerPoint® presentations have become a common tool for university faculty.

Andrew Gilpin, professor of psychology, said students have reacted very positively to the use of technology in his classroom. "They like being able to print out class materials from their own computer,

especially in statistics classes where students' notes may be inaccurate, or when they miss class."

Gilpin adds that e-mail has become the communication method of

choice for his students. "More of them ask questions by e-mail than over the phone at this point," he said.

Graphic design student Ryan Arndorfer, a sophomore from Britt, said faculty in several of his classes use e-mail. "They remind us of assignments and papers, and also of upcoming tests," Arndorfer said. "They e-mail grades and other helpful information when needed. It's great to have that extra reminder about what needs to get done and what's coming up."

Associate Professor Linda Walsh, a colleague of Gilpin's, said students have come to expect to use e-mail to stay in touch with faculty. "Many students seem to take it for granted and even demand more. They ask 'why haven't you emailed me my grade?' or 'why aren't our grades posted online?'"

Technology in the classroom is not a miracle aid for learning, however. Maria Basom, associate professor and head of the modern languages department said, "It doesn't automatically make any course better.



Like any other teaching tool, its effectiveness depends on how it's used."

Used properly, said Basom, Web sites and visuals can significantly enhance the quality of a lecture and capture the interest of students.

Britannia Roster, a humanities and fine arts graduate from Vinton, agreed. "In Art History my professor used PowerPoint instead of slides to display images. Seeing the words with the image creates a visual memory link and the information is retained more easily."

A very popular classroom technology is WebCT, an online resource that served more than 6,000 students in 156 courses last fall. Using WebCT, faculty members can post course syllabi and lecture notes, link to other sites, send e-mail and utilize chat and bulletin board discussions. Faculty can administer tests and quizzes online, and students receive instant feedback on the score, which is then posted to an online grade book.

Elementary education major Jordan Henrichs, a junior from Allison, has had two classes that used WebCT. "My Educational Media class had its entire course online—syllabus, upcoming projects, grades, chats, everything," Henrichs said. "It's nice, and for a class that revolves around technology so much, I can't think of an easier way they could do it."

Henrichs said his Introduction to Psychology course also uses WebCT, but uses it primarily to put grades online. "The professor even organizes our grades into tables and columns to let us know how many points we have going into our final exam and what we need to earn to get an 'A' in the course, or the next feasible grade up from where we're at."

Barry Wilson, associate professor and head of the College of Education's Department of Educational Psychology and Foundations, said he uses technology when it serves an instructional purpose and helps his students. "In my case, Web-based instruction allows students to have



easier and broader access to instructional content, including library material," Wilson said. "It allows students to post work for critique from peers and from me, and makes it easier for the students to communicate outside of class."

According to Wilson, students are coming to UNI with a higher expectation about the role technology will play in their education. In just a few years he has seen students' reactions to using the Web and online technology go from fear to enthusiasm. "I first started using the Web in teaching in 1996. In one of the first classes, I demonstrated how students should access and post material—there were four students in tears by the end of the class because they were so intimidated by the technology. That hasn't happened since, but using the Web or the ICN can be frustrating when it doesn't work as it should. On the other hand, most current students are very accustomed to using the Web and WebCT. Many get positively enthused and creative in using it."

Easy access to the Internet and e-mail has surely helped foster that attitude. In addition to 11 student computing center labs across campus operated by Information Technology Services (ITS), and numerous computer labs operated by the colleges, more than 3,000 students have direct high-speed access right from their residence hall rooms. Called ResNet, the connection allows students to access course materials, library and other references 24 hours a day. Many campus-area apartment complexes also offer high-speed cable modem access.

UNI classrooms range from basic to very high-tech, with 98 percent of classrooms wired with at least a computer and Internet connection, often in conjunction with an overhead projection system. Some classrooms include Smart Boards, multiple projection screens, Elmo projectors and video capabilities.

Consequently, faculty use of technology in the classroom is on the rise. In 1997, 50 percent of UNI faculty used some form of instructional technology, which includes computers. Today, more than 90 percent of faculty use some form of electronic technology in the classroom. In 40 percent of classes, computers are integral to the course.

Marilyn Drury, director of ITS educational technology, says faculty members have to be willing to change, and have the time to do it. That's where educational technology hits a home run for faculty members, providing everything from basic Web sites to advanced applications. Its assistance is considered essential by professors like Basom, who admits, "It takes an incredibly long time to digitize a course."

The advantages and inevitability of using technology in teaching is a reality for the next generation of teachers, as well. Henrichs has chosen to pursue a minor in educational technology to go along with his elementary education major.

Gilpin, whose background in technology includes software authoring, tries to keep it in perspective. He said, "I keep reminding myself that Socrates didn't have a computer. My ideas aren't as profound as his, and although I'm pretty sure that if he were alive today he'd be using the Internet, still the technology is just a set of tools, not the ideas themselves. I've seen a lot of pretty but vacuous presentations; I try to remember the distinction."



**"WE ARE WELL ON THE WAY** to providing one of the premiere athletic training programs in the nation," says Biff Williams, head of the UNI program since 1998. "Already we are becoming like the very elite programs in the nation, including those at Indiana State, University of Virginia and Brigham Young."

All of this has been accomplished in the last five years.

# Athletic training program meeting ambitious goals

by Susan Cornell

Although UNI has offered courses in athletic training since 1970, those courses and a required 1,500 hours of volunteer experience constituted an internship approach to becoming a certified athletic trainer. Program growth and athletic training education reform indicated that a specific

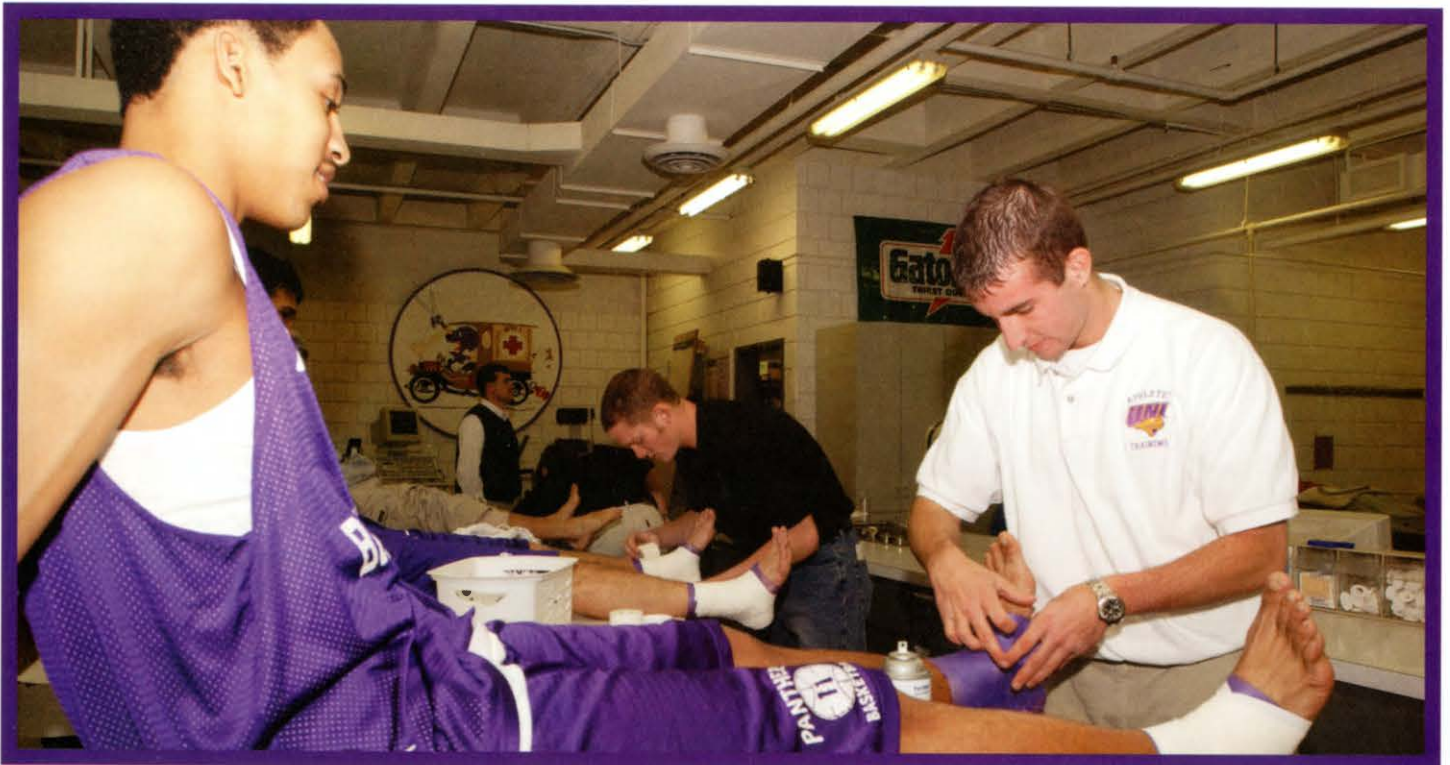
curriculum and a specific major were needed. Williams was hired in 1998 to formalize the athletic training education program. The Board of Regents, State of Iowa, approved the proposed major in 2000. The three-year program was officially accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs in 2001.

## INTENSIVE CHALLENGES FOR STUDENTS

"Certified athletic trainers are highly educated and skilled professionals specializing in athletic health care," Williams explains, "and their education is intensively science-based. Extensive knowledge and experience is needed for athletic trainers to serve as medical resources. Inadequate training can cause more harm than good and can even be dangerous."

Fean Wagner, an athletic training program '03 graduate from New London, Iowa, agrees with this assessment.

"Intense and challenging is a perfect way to describe the field of athletic training and UNI's program," Wagner says. "From day one when you are applying to the program, you have to put all your energy into proving you have what it takes to be accepted."







A limited number of students can participate in UNI's program because accreditation requires an 8:1 student/instructor ratio, according to Williams. With four tenure-track faculty members and three instructors, UNI has one of the largest athletic training faculties in the nation.

"We are expecting at least 50 applicants next year," Williams explains. "Our application process has to be stringent and quantifiable."

As prospective athletic training majors, freshmen must complete the Introduction to Athletic Training course. Only then may they apply to the program. Application requirements include a cumulative 2.5 GPA, completion of 50 hours of athletic training observation, three letters of recommendation and a successful interview.

Program challenges only increase once a student is in, according to Wagner.

"As soon as you get accepted, you are assigned to clinical rotation (field experience), and it's quite common to spend more than 100 hours a month outside of class in the assigned rotation," he says. "When you combine that with the rest of your schoolwork, it can be very challenging. Also, the program courses are challenging, and our athletic training staff is constantly

pushing us, making us better student athletic trainers."

The 36 hours of program courses cover emergency care, injury assessment, kinesiology, athletic training therapeutic modalities, pharmacology, pathology, physiology and psychology. Students must maintain a 3.0 athletic training GPA and a 2.5 GPA overall. And each semester, they accumulate a minimum of 200 clinical experience hours.

Wagner agrees with Williams that experiential learning is the key to successful athletic training.

"There is no better feeling," he says, "than when you are able to present what you have learned in class to an athlete and see the confidence they have in you and that they know they are in good hands."

#### **A NEW LOCATION**

Basing the program in the proposed Human Performance Center (HPC) at UNI will give students even more educational and professional experience.

"Labs and classrooms equipped specifically for this program, including a cadaver lab, will provide an unparalleled academic environment," Williams explains. "The HPC clinic will allow students to observe and interact with local medical professionals on a daily basis."

Williams says program graduates are ready for employment in a variety of settings: high school and college athletics, hospitals, physical therapy centers or with professional sports teams. The pass rate for UNI students taking the National Athletic Trainer's Association Board of Certification examination has been 85 percent for the last three years. The national pass rate is only 30 percent. Also, the program had 100 percent employment placement for the last five years, he adds.

Wagner, who plans to work in a school athletic training department while earning a graduate degree in sports administration, says, "UNI has ensured that every student leaving this program will walk away with the necessary tools to advance the field of athletic training."

#### **ATHLETIC TRAINING NOW INCLUDES MASTER'S DEGREE**

The Board of Regents, State of Iowa, recently approved the addition of a master's degree to UNI's athletic training program. The degree will require 36 hours, with the majority of time focused on advanced training. Classes such as Pathoetiology and Orthopedic Assessment will be offered, as well as Evidence-Based Rehabilitative Practice, where hands-on training will put classroom theories into practice.

"It's been a long haul to get this program together," says Biff Williams, head of the athletic training program. "The master's degree will allow us to place graduate assistants in high schools and with the medical community. It's a great fit with the partnership between the university and the Cedar Valley medical community."

The new master's degree program also will feature Orthopedic Surgical Interventions, where physicians will give guest lectures that explain how surgery and training work together.



Scott Nice

# Man in motion

Most people spend years figuring out what they want to be when they grow up. Scott Nice, the newest faculty member of UNI's Theatre Department, has known since elementary school.

"I started very young," explains Nice. "I did magic tricks in a neighborhood club, then moved into mime. For years I performed mime with various groups in the community."

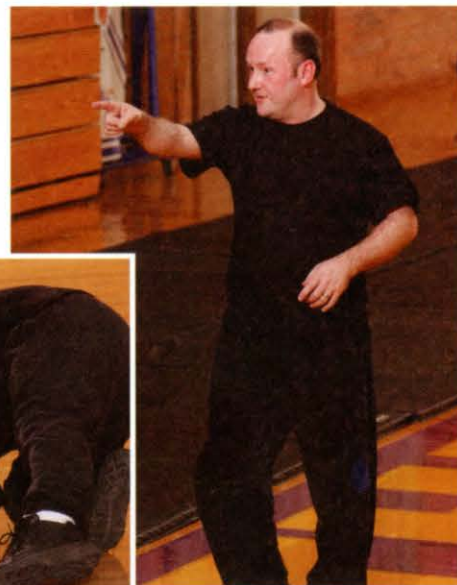
Not only did he begin performing at a young age, he also embarked on his teaching career a little earlier than most. "My last year of high school, I taught a 5th grade drama class," Nice recalls. This foray into teaching would eventually segue into a career, but not before he got a taste of the acting world.

While still in high school, Nice spent four years with the NBC comedy *Beyond Our Control* as an actor, writer and technical director. Afterward, he headed to New York City. There he acted, mimed, clowning and worked as a stage combat choreographer.

"In New York, theaters are often modified—they may be in a basement, an old warehouse, an old church, anything," Nice explains. "One time I got into a show where the entire cast of 12 people rented an old warehouse and lived together for three months to rehearse. We left only to get food. It was one of those things you do once in your life – but never again," Nice says.

"It was located in Alphabet City in lower Manhattan—not the best neighborhood. We would be rehearsing this loud, elaborate, vibrant show up in the warehouse, and the Hell's Angels and their motorcycles would be meeting in the street below.

*Assistant Professor Scott Nice shows his Stage Combat class how to roll with the punches.*



It definitely helped me appreciate the serenity of UNI!"

Nice eventually left New York to finish his undergraduate degree at Western Michigan University. After teaching there and at Kalamazoo College, he moved to Northern Illinois University (NIU), where he received his MFA in acting and taught in the professional actor's training program. Nice is also a Certified Combatant of the Society of American Fight Directors. He estimates that he has trained more than 1,000 students in his 15 years of teaching.

Although he has been at UNI only a year, Nice has already started a mime troupe, as well as a stage combat club that meets twice a week. "The armory at UNI is wonderful—a true credit to the university," says Nice.

Some of the armory and Nice's combat choreography were on display in last year's presentation of *Roosters*. In November of this year, he will be directing *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*, a spoof of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*.

In June, Nice spent two weeks back in New York City coaching a group of actors in vocal training. "We worked 12-13 hour days," he says. "It was intense." The training session was part of an innovative method of working with professional actors,



established by a former colleague of his at NIU.

The assistant professor of voice and movement in theatre performance at UNI, Nice is very impressed with the program and faculty that UNI offers. "It says a lot about this department that they were willing to bring in a voice and movement specialist," Nice explains. "The facilities, talent and resources here are very impressive. As an adjunct professor, I've taught at many different schools. I've never seen a university so supportive of faculty development, and so focused on students," he says. "Here, Students First is not just a motto—it's a mantra."

—Melissa Barber



# TOP THIS

**H**ow do you top 274 Great Hall events selling 42,542 tickets for \$1.3 million in revenue during the 2002-03 season at the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center? You build an even more impressive 2003-04 season. Just by scheduling an additional five shows in the Artist Series, they're already well on their way.

"Our average attendance is 25 percent higher than the national average and more than half of our shows sold out every seat," says Steve Carignan, executive director of the GBPAC. "Those numbers have grown every year and I expect that trend to continue, especially next season."

The quality and quantity of shows offered has grown over the past three years. Carignan seeks input from his advisory board, a student committee and the community at large about what they'd like to see at the GBPAC. "I'm constantly chatting people up about acts, artists and shows. I ask them to listen to CDs, watch videos, see certain performances when they travel. That information helps us gauge the tastes of our community."

The audience for dance, in all forms, has been a surprise since the center opened, and the opera audience has grown significantly in just three years. Fans of those art forms will have several events to choose from this year, as will those who love Broadway, comedy and almost every style of music from ancient to country.

## 03-04 your center for the arts

**Ray Charles**

Saturday, September 6, 8 p.m.

**FAME—The Musical**

Friday and Saturday, September 12 and 13, 7:30 p.m.

**Krasnoyarsk National Dance Company of Siberia**

Sunday, October 5, 7:30 p.m.

**Steven Wright**

Saturday, October 11, 8 p.m.

**Rigoletto**

Saturday, October 18, 7:30 p.m.

**The Academy of Ancient Music**

Friday, October 24, 7:30 p.m.

**Michael Moschen**

Sunday, October 26, 7:30 p.m.

**Yamato Drummers: The Drummers of Japan**

Sunday, November 2, 7:30 p.m.

**Four Bitchin' Babes & Christine Lavin**

Saturday, November 15, 7:30 p.m.

**The Nutcracker**

Saturday and Sunday, November 29 and 30

Saturday at 2 and 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

**Kathy Mattea**

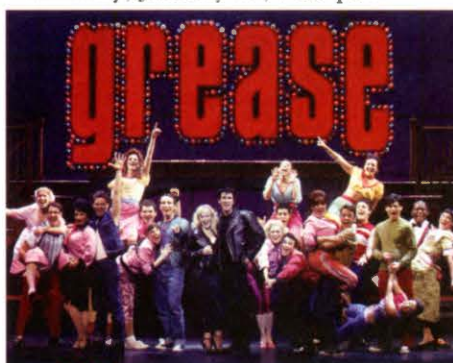
Sunday, December 14, 7:30 p.m.

**Sound of Music**

Sunday, January 11, 2 and 7:30 p.m.

**Halley's Comet by John Amos**

Monday, January 19, 7:30 p.m.



**Cirque Eloize**

Tuesday and Wednesday, January 27 and 28, 7:30 p.m.

**Moscow Ballet in Giselle**

Sunday, February 1, 7:30 p.m.

**Moscow State Radio Symphony and Chorus**

Sunday, February 22, 7:30 p.m.

**Newport Jazz Festival 50th Anniversary Tour**

Wednesday, February 25, 7:30 p.m.

**Vienna Choir Boys**

Sunday, February 29, 2 p.m.

**Altan**

Sunday, March 7, 7:30 p.m.

**Momix**

Monday, March 8, 7:30 p.m.

**Grease—The Musical**

Sunday, April 4, 2 and 7:30 p.m.

**Lavay Smith and Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers**

Saturday, April 10, 7:30 p.m.

**George Winston**

Sunday, April 25, 7:30 p.m.

**Itzhak Perlman**

Wednesday, April 28, 8 p.m.

**Kiss Me Kate**

Sunday, May 2, 3 and 7:30 p.m.

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## St. Louis firm wins national acclaim

### UNI friendship spurs business success

“We started our company because we saw strong talents in each other that didn’t overlap,” Dan Schmitt ’89 says of the partnership of the UNI alumni who founded Anthony, Allan & Quinn on Feb. 1, 1993.

Schmitt, together with his brother Dru ’91 and Joe DiMartini, who attended UNI from 1987 to 1990, have grown the enterprise from a three-man start-up to a holding company that includes one of the 20 fastest growing firms in the United States.

AAQ, named for a combination of the founders’ middle names, is the parent company of three others: Advanced Business Fulfillment, an innovative provider of healthcare paid-claims communication service for third party administrators and health insurers; Advantage Integrated Marketing, a marketing company for automobile dealerships; and Teralogix, providing IT development and support for AAQ customers and selling customized software.

In 1998, AAQ was ranked 156 on the *Inc. Magazine* list of the 500 fastest-growing private companies in America.

The partners met while students at Columbus High School in Waterloo. Dan, AAQ president, says he attended UNI because “the business marketing major was the best.”

“There’s a big difference between being taught by teaching assistants and being taught by actual professors,” Dan says.

“I took classes to see how they would apply specifically to my future,” the self-proclaimed “born entrepreneur” explains. “I remember



From left, Dan Schmitt ’89, Dru Schmitt ’91 and former UNI student Joe DiMartini combined their talents to build St. Louis-based Anthony, Allan & Quinn, one of the fastest growing private companies in the United States.

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the contents of my courses. A day doesn’t go by that I don’t think of something that my professors discussed in class.” He singles out courses taught by professors Farzad

Moussavi, Steve Corbin, and Fred and Ron Abraham as especially beneficial.

Dan’s UNI years provided other opportunities to hone business skills. “I had a blast in college,” he says. “I was involved in ROTC and became Cadet Commander. It was a strong experience in leadership. I have very positive memories of life on campus, including hanging out on The Hill with my buddies.”

After leaving UNI, the trio began separate careers at various companies, but kept in touch. In 1993, Dan, Dru and Joe, ages 25, 23 and 22 respectively, decided the time was right to go out on their own. They chose St. Louis for its central location because they would be driving to see clients. They rented an old house that was both home and office, and their first task was to create a brochure. Their first paid project was a direct-mail promotion for a Toyota car dealer and in the first year, AAQ added three more employees.

“Actually, at the beginning, we were so inexperienced that we really didn’t know what we were doing,”



Dan admits. "For us, there were no mentors, no organizations such as the John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center to consult for advice. Eight different things could have put us out of business at any one time and it was only pure guts that kept us going."

Besides pure guts, Dan also credits the variety of knowledge that each partner brought to the table for their success. His degree in marketing and management was complemented by Dru's knowledge of computer science and Joe's experience in sales.

"We have become very good friends," he says. "We prod and push each other. We lean on each other's skills and strengths."

AAQ and its affiliated companies now employ 200 people. Joe serves as vice president, while Dru is secretary of AAQ. Many of the employees hail from Iowa, including Eric Schaefer '91, vice president of ABF.

"Iowa culture and people are 'heads above,'" Dan contends. "The integrity and work ethic Iowans bring to an organization strengthen it immeasurably."

On June 16, 2003, ABF announced it had signed a definitive agreement to be acquired by WebMD Corporation. WebMD agreed to pay \$110 million in cash at closing and has agreed to pay up to an additional \$150 million beginning in April 2004 if certain milestones, which would bring substantial incremental earnings, are achieved.

When Dan was asked what he has planned for the future, he said, "I'm starting three more companies this year and then three more each year."

—Susan Cornell

# Panthers in action

## 2003 UNI Football

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 30	at Iowa State	Ames, IA	6 p.m.
Sept. 6	Northern Michigan	UNI-Dome	4:05 p.m.
Sept. 18	at Stephen F. Austin (Fox Sports Midwest)	Nacogdoches, TX	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	Northwestern State (Family Day)	UNI-Dome	4:05 p.m.
Oct. 4	at Illinois State*	Normal, IL	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	Indiana State* (Homecoming)	UNI-Dome	4:05 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Southwest Missouri State*	Springfield, MO	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	at Western Illinois*	Macomb, IL	1:05 p.m.
Nov. 1	Youngstown State*	UNI-Dome	4:05 p.m.
Nov. 8	at Western Kentucky*	Bowling Green, KY	4 p.m.
Nov. 15	Southern Illinois*	UNI-Dome	4:05 p.m.

All times tentative; all times Central \*Gateway Football Conference Game



## 2003 UNI Volleyball

Date	Event	Location	Time
Aug. 29-30	at USC Tournament (USC, South Carolina, Ball State)	Los Angeles, CA	TBD
Sept. 5	Northern Illinois	DeKalb, IL	7 p.m.
Sept. 9	Iowa State	Cedar Falls, IA	7 p.m.
Sept. 12-13	at Western Michigan Tournament	Kalamazoo, MI	TBD
Sept. 17	at Minnesota	Rochester, MN	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	Indiana State*	Cedar Falls, IA	7 p.m.
Sept. 20	Illinois State*	Cedar Falls, IA	7 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Evansville*	Evansville, IN	7 p.m.
Sept. 27	at Southern Illinois*	Carbondale, IL	7 p.m.
Oct. 1	at Iowa	Iowa City, IA	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	Creighton*	Cedar Falls, IA	7 p.m.
Oct. 4	Drake*	Cedar Falls, IA	7 p.m.
Oct. 11	Bradley*	Cedar Falls, IA	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	at Wichita State*	Wichita, KS	7 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Southwest Missouri State*	Springfield, MO	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	Southern Illinois*	Cedar Falls, IA	7 p.m.
Oct. 25	Evansville*	Cedar Falls, IA	7 p.m.
Oct. 31	at Drake*	Des Moines, IA	7 p.m.
Nov. 1	at Creighton*	Omaha, NE	7 p.m.
Nov. 2	at Nebraska	Lincoln, NE	TBA
Nov. 8	at Bradley*	Peoria, IL	7 p.m.
Nov. 11	Notre Dame	Cedar Falls, IA	7 p.m.
Nov. 14	Southwest Missouri State*	Cedar Falls, IA	7 p.m.
Nov. 15	Wichita State*	Cedar Falls, IA	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 21	at Illinois State*	Normal, IL	7 p.m.
Nov. 22	at Indiana State*	Terre Haute, IN	7 p.m.
Nov. 28-29	State Farm MVC Tournament	Springfield, MO	TBD

\*Missouri Valley Conference Matches

For ticket information, call 319-273-DOME, or order online at: [tickets.uni.edu](http://tickets.uni.edu)





## friday, september 26

- 7:30 a.m. - Rod Library, self-guided
- 9 p.m. - tours
- 4 p.m. - UNI Soccer vs. Illinois State, West Soccer Field
- 5 p.m. - Wellness/Recreation Center
- 10 p.m. - open to students and their families. Please register at the WRC Welcome Desk.
- 6 p.m. - Department of Military Sciences Picnic, Hibbs Memorial east of the West Gym.
- 7 p.m. - Department of Military Sciences Contracting Ceremony, Hibbs Memorial east of the West Gym.
- 8 p.m. - View the planets and the stars in the UNI Hillside Observatory (access from Jennings Drive south of Hillside Courts). If cloudy, visit the planetarium in the Department of Earth Science.

## saturday, september 27

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 a.m. - Wellness/Recreation Center</li> <li>10 p.m. - open to students and their families. Register at the WRC Welcome Desk.</li> <li>8:30 a.m. - UNIPA Board Meeting,</li> <li>11:30 a.m. Commons</li> <li>9 a.m. - Rod Library, self-guided tours</li> <li>9 p.m.</li> <li>9:30 a.m. "UNI Prairie Preserve 30 Year Celebration," CEEE Rotunda, followed by prairie tours 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on the half hour.</li> <li>9 a.m. - Iowa Electrathon race car</li> <li>2 p.m. events, Industrial Technology Center lot.</li> <li>10 a.m. Parents Day Baseball Scrimmage, Waterloo Riverfront Stadium, lunch for parents and friends of UNI Baseball.</li> <li>10:30 a.m. - Reception for University</li> <li>11:30 a.m. Honors Program students and their families, Communication Arts Center Room 257.</li> <li>11 a.m. - College of Education open house, Schindler Education Center lobby. Exhibits, displays, refreshments, demonstrations, information about programs offered within the COE.</li> <li>11 a.m. - College of Natural Sciences</li> <li>2 p.m. open houses: Chemistry magic show, McCollum Science Hall; Industrial Technology, tours of Industrial Technology Center; Computer Science/ Mathematics, Wright Hall 338 and 339; Earth</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science, labs and planetarium, Latham Hall; Physics, Physics Building, Biology Botanical Center Greenhouse.</li> <li>11 a.m. - Global Health Corps., (SEC).</li> <li>2 p.m. Exhibit, health and human-service organization that teaches pre-professionals in health, sociology, biology, related fields.</li> <li>11 a.m. - Marshall Center School (west of University Health Services) Presentation on rural education in Iowa in the 1920s.</li> <li>2 p.m.</li> <li>11:30 a.m. - College of Business</li> <li>1 p.m. Administration picnic, south veranda of Curris Business Building</li> <li>11:30 a.m. - Brunch at Piazza, Redeker Center</li> <li>1:15 p.m.</li> <li>1 p.m. - University Museum newest exhibit, "Dressing for the Theatre."</li> <li>4 p.m.</li> <li>2 p.m. - Free Root Beer Floats, Piazza (Redeker Center)</li> <li>3:30 p.m.</li> <li>2 p.m. - Family Feast Tailgate, UNI-, Dome East Plaza. Food and fun for the whole family, appearance by UNI Spirit Squad and Band.</li> <li>4 p.m.</li> <li>2 p.m. - Panther Style Show featuring UNI apparel, East Plaza, UNI-Dome</li> <li>4:05 p.m. UNI Football vs. Northwestern State</li> <li>7 p.m. - Dinner at Piazza, Redeker Center</li> <li>8:30 p.m.</li> <li>8:30 p.m. - Magician Barry DeVoll, Russell</li> <li>9:15 p.m. Hall, free show</li> </ul> |
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[www.uni.edu/familyweekend](http://www.uni.edu/familyweekend)

## sunday, september 28

To access church service times in Cedar Falls/Waterloo visit [www.cedarfallstourism.org/churches.asp](http://www.cedarfallstourism.org/churches.asp)

- 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Brunch at Piazza, Redeker Center
- 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. University Museum
- 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wellness Recreation Center open to students and their families. Families should register at the WRC Welcome Desk.
- 1 p.m. UNI Family Weekend Dance Concert, GBPAC Great Hall, presented by the UNI International Dance Theatre and the UNI Orchestral Dance Company. The concert is free of charge.
- 2 p.m. UNI Women's Soccer free skills clinic West Soccer Field (U8 & U10 boys & girls)
- 3 p.m. UNI Women's Soccer free skills clinic West Soccer Field (U12 & U14 boys & girls)

# Be Part of the Tradition



HOMEcoming 2003

October 5-11

### Sunday, October 5

Residence hall window painting

### Monday, October 6

Penny wars begin

Window Painting on the Hill

Noon - 5 p.m., College Hill

Kick-Off Ceremony and Panther Pride Cry Competition

6 p.m., Corner of 23rd St. and College St.

### Tuesday, October 7

Blood Drive

10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Maucker Union

### Wednesday, October 8

Paintball

TBA, fields west of UNI-Dome

### Thursday, October 9

Panther Scramble

4 - 6 p.m., outside Redeker Center

Homecoming Dance Party

9 p.m. - midnight, Maucker Union



### Friday, October 10

Penny wars end  
Purple and Gold Spirit Day

Show your UNI spirit by wearing your purple and gold - wherever you are!

Alumni Golf Outing

All day, Beaver Hills Golf & Country Club—Call 319-266-9172 for tee times.

Campus Walking Tour

4 p.m., departs from the Campanile

UNI Soccer vs. Indiana State

4 p.m., west athletic field

All-Alumni Reception

5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Commons  
Call 888-UNI ALUM to register.

Pep Rally, Panther Pride Cry Finals and Fireworks Finale

8 p.m., north of Curris Business Building

Campaniling

11:45 p.m., Campanile

### Saturday, October 11

5K Cross Country Run

8 a.m., west of the UNI-Dome

Homecoming Parade

10 a.m., starting at Cedar Falls High School and proceeding down College St. to 23rd St.

Can't be here in person? Watch it live online at [www.unialum.org](http://www.unialum.org).

All-Alumni Tailgate

11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., UNI-Dome south plaza  
Free food while supplies last.

Campus Walking Tour

11:30 a.m. (following parade), departs from the Campanile and ends at the tailgate party



Hall of Fame Luncheon

11:30 a.m., Commons  
Honoring UNI Athletics' 2003 inductees; call 319-273-2470 for tickets.

UNI Football vs. Indiana State

4:05 p.m., UNI-Dome

UNI Volleyball vs. Bradley

7:30 p.m., West Gym

Panther Midnight Breakfast

Midnight - 2 a.m., Maucker Union  
Coffeehouse

The UNI Alumni Association welcomes alumni who are celebrating the 25-, 30- and 40-year anniversaries of their graduation from UNI! Contact the Alumni Association (888-UNI ALUM) for more information on how the classes of 1978, 1973 and 1963 will be honored throughout the weekend.  
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## Athletes achieve impressive academic record

In these dark times of budget cuts and declining opportunities, the UNI athletic program is a bright spot. UNI student athletes have quietly committed themselves to achieving an impressive academic record. Encompassing 346 students, the athletic GPA is 3.06. The cumulative athletic GPA has been steadily increasing for the past several years.

On the average, a cumulative athletic GPA over 3.00 is considered very impressive, according to Colleen Heimstead, compliance and life skills coordinator for UNI intercollegiate athletics. The average UNI undergraduate has a 2.97 GPA.

"Our coaches do a lot to keep the kids on track," explains Heimstead. "They take a solid interest and help point them in the right direction."

Even more impressive is the fact that these achievements have been

accomplished without an athletic academic adviser on staff. "Due to budget cuts, we have not replaced our academic adviser for athletics," Heimstead explains. "Most schools our size have at least one, if not two or three advisers. We've been without one for a year, but the coaches have really stepped up to the challenge and made sure academics are a priority."

The women's volleyball team ranks the highest overall, with a 3.44 GPA. Men's golf is the highest men's team with a cumulative GPA of 3.18.

"I think this says a lot about the quality of our program," says Heimstead. "Not only do we offer excellent athletic opportunities, but we also ensure that education remains the highest priority. It's a great advantage to attending UNI."

## UNI pilot program awards scholarships to out-of-state students

A pilot program for out-of-state students at the University of Northern Iowa has awarded approximately 80 scholarships for the 2003-2004 school year. Available only to non-Iowa residents who will live on campus, the new program includes three levels: the Purple and Gold scholarship, the University scholarship, and the Community Life scholarship.

The Purple and Gold scholarship requires students to be ranked in the top 10 percent of their class and score 27 or above on the ACT. It includes an award of \$4,600 for two years.

To receive the University scholarship, students must be ranked in the top 25 percent of their graduating class and score 24 or above on the ACT. The scholarship provides \$3,000 for two years.

The Community Life scholarship requires students to be ranked in the top 50 percent of their graduating class and score 21 or above on the ACT. The scholarship awards \$2,000 for two years.

## UNI Museums receive national honor

The UNI Museums and Collections once again have been awarded the highest honor a museum can receive – accreditation by the American Association of Museums. This certifies that a museum operates according to standards set forth by the museum profession, manages its collections responsibly and provides quality service to the public.

Of the 8,000 museums nationwide, only 750 are accredited. The UNI Museums have been accredited since 1975. The process of review to maintain this standing occurs once every 10 years.

"This process was rigorous and demanding," says Sue Grosboll,

director of UNI Museums. "We examined virtually every aspect of our museum's operations; a year of self-study and an on-site review by a team of experienced museum professionals was required."

The UNI Museums include two facilities. The University Museum features natural history and is located at 3219 Hudson Road. It is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Marshall Center School, a restored one-room schoolhouse from 1922, is located at the corner of 23rd and Minnesota Streets. Tours and programs can be arranged by calling 319-273-2188.

**University Museum  
feature exhibit  
September through December 2003  
Dressing for the Theatre**



For more information, call 319-273-2188.



## UNI names new deans

### College of Education

Jeffrey W. Cornett has been named dean of the University of Northern Iowa's College of Education. The appointment was effective July 1. Cornett was professor and chair of the Department of Educational Research, Technology and Leadership in the College of Education at the University of Central Florida (UCF).

Prior to that, Cornett was chair of the Department of Instructional Programs and Educational Leadership in the UCF College of Education.

Cornett holds a Ph.D. in education from The Ohio State University; a master's degree in education from the University of Toledo; and a bachelor's degree in education from Bowling Green State University. His research interests include civic education, social responsibility, and teacher and administrator decision making.

He replaces William Callahan, associate dean of the UNI College of Education, who has served as interim dean of the college since July 2002. Callahan replaced Thomas Switzer, who resigned to become dean of the College of Education at the University of Toledo, in Ohio.

### College of Business Administration

Farzad Moussavi, who has served as interim dean of the University of Northern Iowa College of Business Administration since July 2001, has been named dean of the college.

Moussavi came to UNI in 1985 as an assistant professor in the Department of Management. In 1995, he was named acting assistant dean and then department head. He later was named associate dean of the college. When Willis "Bill" Greer retired, Moussavi accepted the role of interim dean.

Moussavi received his Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas and an MBA from Roosevelt University, Chicago. He received a post-graduate Diploma in Administration Studies from Leeds Polytechnic, Leeds, England; and a B.A. from the Institute of Advanced Accounting, Tehran, Iran.

## The good life just got easier

The Board of Regents, State of Iowa, recently approved a pilot plan developed by the UNI Department of Residence, allowing students living in the residence halls to receive the same dining/housing rate for the first and second years of their contracts. The "2-Year Advantage" plan also allows students to move to campus the Thursday before classes begin at no extra charge, and it waives the \$200 pre-payment charge during the second year of the contract.

Pat Beck, assistant director of residence/marketing, said the plan may include other benefits as it evolves. "Immediately, it helps families budget for the cost of higher education," she said. "The true and lasting advantage comes with the benefits students gain from a multi-year experience in residence hall communities."

A similar program has been developed at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., where it has been successful.

Residence hall rates at UNI — and the other regent institutions — have risen steadily since 1988. In 2003, the rate increase was \$278, or nearly 6 percent. Beck believes the 2-Year Advantage plan will, ultimately, help control costs in the future. "Having more residents on campus builds stronger communities, improves our efficiency and makes it possible to keep costs down for all residents," she said.

Information about the plan was presented during student orientation sessions this summer, and was sent to all students who have a fall contract for housing in UNI residence halls.

### UNI Together for Education

University of Northern Iowa



Do you want to make Iowa a better place for our children? Do you want our students to have affordable, quality education? Are you tired of state budget cuts? UNI's alumni can make a difference!

Join UNITE (UNI Together for Education). UNITE is a **free, voluntary** grassroots legislative network of alumni and friends who are committed to preserving higher education in Iowa. UNITE educates volunteers on the university's key issues and messages.

UNITE members contact legislators and other alumni and parents to share their concerns about legislative budget cuts. Phone calls, letters and even personal visits make a tremendous impact on our elected state officials. UNI alumni and parent voices do make a difference!

To become a volunteer, call the Office of Governmental Relations at (319) 273-6144 or visit us on the Web at [www.uni.edu/govrel/unite](http://www.uni.edu/govrel/unite). UNITE is sponsored by the UNI Alumni Association and the Office of Governmental Relations.

## Insurance program bridges gap

Student health coverage and health insurance protection provided by parents' policies typically ends at graduation, leaving many new alumni without coverage until they secure employment with health benefits. Alumni between jobs also may find themselves without coverage. The UNI Alumni Association has recently teamed up with GradMed to help bridge these gaps.

Initial coverage is available for 60 to 180 days, with policies available for additional 60- to 180-day periods if needed. Accidents and illnesses are both covered, but pre-existing conditions are excluded. Rates are competitive and coverage is immediate. For details about this service, please visit [www.unialum.org/proserv/insurance.html](http://www.unialum.org/proserv/insurance.html) or call 888-UNI ALUM.



## Students First

The campaign for the University of Northern Iowa

## Campaign update



Valley, enhancing services to their clients and educational opportunities for students. Together, the McLeod Center and the HPC will make a strong economic impact on the Cedar Valley.

*Architect's renderings of aerial and interior views of the McLeod Center, the southwest view of the Human Performance Center, and the Russell Hall addition.*

*West Campus complex renderings by Herbert Lewis Kruse Blunck Architecture of Des Moines. Russell Hall study by InVision Architecture of Waterloo.*

As work continues on the \$100 million national goal of the Students First campaign, the UNI Foundation is planning a special event to celebrate the career of Eldon Miller and to support the McLeod Center. With Eldon's dedicated assistance, the campaign has raised more than \$15 million of the \$18 million needed for the McLeod Center. This special tribute will honor the Millers and offer an opportunity to reach the arena goal. The dinner event will be Saturday, September 20 at 6 p.m. in the UNI-Dome. Tickets are available for \$25 each. For more information, contact the UNI Foundation at 800-782-9522.

The McLeod Center is a key element of the West Campus Complex, a major priority of the Students First campaign. The 100,000-square-foot arena will offer a first-rate venue for basketball, volleyball and wrestling, with seating for 6,100.

The 50,000-square-foot Human Performance Center (HPC), adjacent to the Wellness/Recreation Center, will house a variety of health-related education, research and service programs. It will enable UNI to enter a unique partnership with medical professionals in the Cedar

The School of Music is also a priority for the Students First campaign. Russell Hall renovations are slated for \$2 million. While the Gallagher-

Bludorn Performing Arts Center now handles about 20 percent of School of Music activities, Russell Hall

### Campaign progress: June 2003

	Raised	Goal
<b>Scholarships and program support:</b>	<b>\$57,377,439</b>	<b>\$71,000,000</b>
<b>Capital projects:</b>	<b>\$23,931,141</b>	<b>\$29,000,000</b>
Freeburg Early Childhood Center	\$2,086,100	\$2,000,000
Human Performance Center	\$1,834,519	\$4,500,000
Lang Hall Equipment	\$407,649	\$1,000,000
McCollum Science Hall	\$1,065,118	\$1,500,000
McLeod Center	\$15,590,197	\$18,000,000
Russell Hall Renovation	\$1,003,803	\$2,000,000
Other	\$1,943,756	
Unrestricted:	\$945,864	
Undesignated:	\$2,565,631	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$84,820,075</b>	<b>\$100,000,000</b>

remains vital to the program. With a private fundraising goal of \$2 million, the Russell Hall expansion and the Students First campaign will jump-start the renovation efforts. It is anticipated that a state appropriation will be awarded, bringing the total budget to \$8 million. This will allow the entire building to be revamped. Recent leadership gifts have carried the project over \$1 million.

For more information about the Students First campaign and how you can support it, visit [www.uni-foundation.org](http://www.uni-foundation.org).





## UNI Annual Fund - It's Everybody's Fund

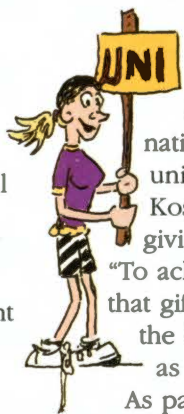
Faced with three years of state budget cuts and tuition hikes, the Foundation is bringing an even stronger focus to bear on the UNI Annual Fund, including a new tag line "It's Everybody's Fund" and a new gift recognition society, the Campanile Society.



most needed.

The UNI Annual Fund is the only fund that touches the lives of all students and impacts all areas of the university. Of the gifts received by the UNI Foundation, 95 percent are restricted to a specific purpose. Gifts supporting the UNI Annual Fund are unrestricted and can be used where they are

In 2002-2003, alumni and friends generously supported the UNI Annual Fund with more than \$480,000 in gifts. In 2003-04, the UNI Foundation hopes to raise \$600,000 in unrestricted gifts, which will dramatically expand the impact the Foundation can have on the university.



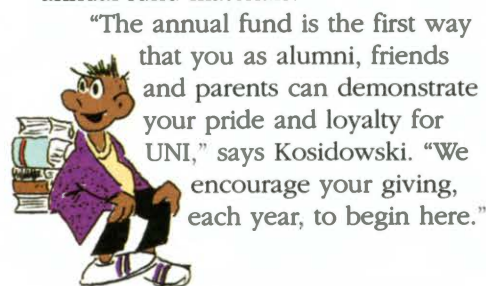
"The Foundation is committed to providing UNI with the resources necessary to become the nation's finest comprehensive university," says Keewan Kosidowski, director of annual giving for the UNI Foundation. "To achieve that goal, it's critical that gifts to the annual fund reach the \$1 million mark as quickly as possible."

As part of the focus on the UNI Annual Fund, the Foundation has created the Campanile Society. This new recognition level will

acknowledge donors who give unrestricted gifts of \$1,000 or more annually.

"Ladies of the Campanile will receive a custom UNI charm bracelet, with a new charm each year," explains Severin Roberts, assistant director of annual giving. "For the gentlemen, we have custom lapel pins."

The Foundation enlisted the help of emeritus faculty member Don Erusha to give the annual fund an exciting new look. You'll see Don's custom cartoons throughout all annual fund materials.



"The annual fund is the first way that you as alumni, friends and parents can demonstrate your pride and loyalty for UNI," says Kosidowski. "We encourage your giving, each year, to begin here."

## 2003/04 Theatre UNI Season

### **Lobster Alice**

by Kira Obolensky  
Directed by Cynthia Goatley  
October 9-12 & 15-19, 2003  
Bertha Martin Theatre

### **Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead**

by Tom Stoppard  
Directed by Scott Nice  
November 13-15 & 20-23, 2003  
Strayer-Wood Theatre

### **The Tender Land**

Music by Aaron Copland  
Libretto by Horace Everett (a.k.a. Erik Johns)  
Co-produced by Opera UNI  
Stage Direction by Sandra Walden  
Music Direction by Rebecca Burkhardt  
February 27, 29, March 4-6, 2004  
Strayer-Wood Theatre

### **Ghosts**

by Henrik Ibsen  
Directed by Richard Glockner  
April 15-18 & 21-25, 2004  
Bertha Martin Theatre

For ticket information, call 319-273-6381,  
or order online at: [tickets.uni.edu](http://tickets.uni.edu).

**UNI**  
*Theatre*  
@ the Strayer-Wood

## Alumni Association Seeks Board Members

The UNI Alumni Association is seeking nominations for their board of directors. The board consists of 24-32 directors, representing alumni by graduation decade.

The board is responsible for creating and executing the strategic goals of the Alumni Association, including financial planning and programming. Directors must be UNI graduates, members of the Alumni Association and available to attend quarterly meetings in Cedar Falls.

For more information on serving on the Board of Directors or nominating another graduate, please contact Noreen Hermansen '71, at 319-273-ALUM or 888-UNI ALUM.





## From the Executive Director

It has been a year of both celebration and struggle for the entire UNI family. Despite budget cuts and tuition increases, it has been made clear to me that a strong connection to UNI is still treasured. Many alumni have stepped forward to both declare their support for UNI and share fond memories of their time as a Panther.

Last November, Jerry and Beth Jorgensen Harris, both 1989 graduates, hosted a reception in their home for local legislators. Guests discussed with our elected officials the impacts the reduction of State funding has had on our students, faculty and staff. There was significant discussion on tuition increases and the need for the State to fund the universities at a level that protects the quality and integrity of the institutions.

The passion for the University of Northern Iowa was clearly vocalized and heard. Jerry and Beth are both very proud of their involvement with UNI and see the need for these smaller functions to communicate both our needs and successes.



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More great stories were told at both the 50- and 60-year class reunions held this spring. A former track athlete and 1953 graduate, Ray Eiben, had his athletic spirit rekindled when he met world-class track alumnus Joey Woody '97. Ray had read and heard a great deal about Joey, so you can imagine the thrill and the return of his own track memories when the two of them had their picture taken together.

The 1943 class members celebrated their UNI connection as well. They shared stories of kissing on the steps of Bartlett Hall and dancing in the Commons ballroom. Alumnus Milton Moon, who spent his career at Johns Hopkins University in the field of research, reminisced about the fine education he received from his alma mater. And then there was Mildred Middleton, leading the UNI Fight Song as she and her classmates enjoyed a bus tour of campus. She had the whole class celebrating their Panther pride!

While the state budget difficulties still pose problems for our campus, you will never see it reflected in the spirit of our alumni as they continue to serve our needs, have fun at events, and serve the



university in so many diverse ways.

The color purple is defined as a sign of being regal, loyal and honest. It is a bold color that brings attention to itself and what it represents. Purple is our signature color...

how is it reflected in your life? Is there a student in your town who would flourish at UNI? Do you have a relationship with a legislator whom you could encourage to pay closer attention to the funding of the Regents Universities? Is there an opportunity to represent UNI at an event in your area? We need your support more than ever and encourage you to remain involved with your alma mater. You can make a difference.

For more information on volunteering or supporting the university, please contact the Alumni Association at 888-UNI ALUM.

*Noreen Hermansen*

Noreen Hermansen '71

Executive Director

UNI Alumni Association

## From the Association President

Of all the responsibilities associated with the role of president of the UNI Alumni Association, the one I find most exciting and exhilarating is being able to address graduates during their commencement exercises in the UNI-Dome. While the thought of standing in front of hundreds of graduates and several thousand of their family and friends can be somewhat daunting, the nervousness quickly evaporates when you look out at the sea of happy, eager and proud faces. A degree from UNI is truly something to be proud of and to celebrate!

I'm sure that in the excitement of the moment many of those graduates don't really take to heart one simple fact: graduation from UNI doesn't mean the end of their association with the university. Rather, it is a transition from the life of a student to the life of an alumnus. As such, each and every graduate (and that includes both you and me) becomes a representative, an ambassador, for the University of Northern Iowa. Those graduates, decked out in their caps, gowns and tassels, leave the UNI-Dome with a new tie to the university, one that lasts a lifetime. They become part of an exclusive group of more than 102,000 individuals who have gone before them: a large, international,

highly successful family of alumni.

It is my hope that all alumni of UNI seek ways in which they can lend support to UNI. I encourage each of you to seek opportunities to broaden, strengthen and enhance the entire University of Northern Iowa community. I also urge each of you to tell the UNI story and encourage others to consider UNI as they make decisions about their educational futures.

As an alumnus of UNI you regularly receive the *Northern Iowa Today*, and it's a great way to catch up on what's happening around campus and what's happening in the lives of many of our friends and former classmates. However, there is so much more to experience as an alumnus.

If you haven't already done so, why not consider a more active role in your relationship with the university and with many of your college friends and classmates? Why not make it a point to join the UNI Alumni Association and rekindle the old friendships, take advantage of the many benefits of Association membership, and renew that relationship with the university that binds us together?

Want to learn more about the Association? Be sure to check out our Web site at [www.unialum.org](http://www.unialum.org). You'll be amazed at how much information you can



find there. I think you'll also be surprised at the number of opportunities offered for alumni to get together, celebrate and socialize.

Your Alumni Association Board of

Directors has been busy updating its strategic plan and by-laws in ways that will make the board and the activities it sponsors more responsive to member needs and desires. You'll find increased and improved benefits and services, along with a host of alumni events. As the familiar line from an old cereal commercial goes, "Try it! You'll like it!"

The dictionary defines "association" as an organization of persons or a society that joins in companionship or partnership. To that I say, "The more, the merrier!" I hope to see you sometime soon at an Alumni Association sponsored event. If YOU have ideas about how the association can better meet your needs, please feel free to contact me in care of the Office of Alumni Relations at UNI. It would be great to hear from you!

*Marc Haack*

Marc Haack '73 '78 '91

"Purple Forever!"





## Alumni Association presents 2003 Heritage Honours Awards

The 2003 Heritage Honours Awards were presented during the Spring Commencement ceremony May 10. The awards program is sponsored by the UNI Alumni Association and recognizes graduates who have achieved significant



Ervin '67

personal and professional accomplishments since graduating from UNI.

Award categories include the Young Alumni Award and the Alumni Achievement Award. This year, Alumni Achievement Awards were presented to Thomas Ervin '67, and Patrick Esser '79 '82.



Esser '79, '82

Thomas Ervin has been a life-long educator and is currently an earth science teacher with North High School in Davenport, Iowa. Patrick Esser began his career with Cox Communication, Inc. in Atlanta, Georgia in 1979, and is currently the Executive Vice President of Operations. For more information on these two award recipients, visit <http://www.unialum.org/heritagehonours.html>.

## UNI ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

**'31 Bernice Schaal**, 2-yr., is still at the Ever Greene Ridge retirement home, Jefferson. She keeps busy with PEO, church circle, and bridge clubs, plus spends two months every summer at her cabin.

**'36 Josephine Kasiske**, 2-yr., is an active member of Pi Lambda Theta at Cal State Los Angeles, the California Retired Teachers Association and a receptionist/volunteer at the Covina United Methodist Church. She lives in Covina, CA.

**'38 Merle Anderson**, BA, just celebrated her 89th birthday this year. She lives in Cedar Falls.

**'40 Duncan Lampman**, BA, plays clarinet under director Anthony Prochaska at the John A. Logan Community College Band and Orchestra.

**'41 Lois (Ferguson) Beaver**, 2-yr., and her husband H. Maurice will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Dec. 25, 2003. In 1948, they both completed their degrees at Iowa State.

**'47 Lois (Rammelsberg) Bienlien**, 2-yr., BA '58, is still teaching half days at Trinity Lutheran School, Davenport, as a resource teacher for K-8. She is 75 years old.

**'48 Bill Koll**, BA, was inducted in the Glen Brand Wrestling Hall of Fame of Iowa at Newton. He was Iowa's first undefeated, three-time NCAA champion and competed in the 1948 Olympics. He has been named to six wrestling Halls of Fame. He lives in State College, PA.

**'49 Cathmar (Shaw) Prange**, BA, has work on exhibit in Kalona, Coralville, and Tallahassee, FL. Her "Three Kinswomen" exhibit last year included her paintings, fabric pictures by her daughter Meg and poetry by her daughter Amy. Cathmar spends the winter in Florida and part of the summer in Ely, MN.

**'51 Shirley Geiger**, BA, writes that she enjoyed meeting UNI alums at the Florida party in Sarasota in January.

**Bonnie (Kruse) Mansfield**, 2-yr., MA '79, retired after 19 years with AEA 13. She volunteers with the Alzheimers' Association, the community and is a court-

appointed special advocate. She also enjoys her grandkids. She lives in Malvern.

**'52 Reginald Schive**, BA, resigned as conductor of the Fort Dodge Karl L. King Band, after serving in that capacity for 25 years. He had been an adjunct instructor of woodwinds at Morningside College and has taught and directed bands for 50 years. He was elected to the Iowa Jazz Education Hall of Fame.

**'53 Robert Huckins**, BA, MA '62, is retired but is providing special education consulting services and school psychological services for American Indian children at reservation schools. He and his wife **Beverly (Lawrence) Huckins**, BA '52, reside in Pierre, SD. **Marilyn Pratt**, BA, retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 1993. She lives in Waterloo.

**'54 Patricia (Mullaney) Harper**, BA, MA '61, completed 14 years in the Iowa Legislature, the last six as a State Senator.

**'55 Larry Mattox**, BA, MA '62, is retired from teaching and lives in Hemet, CA. He and his wife **Regina**, BA '57, spend summers in northern Minnesota at their lake cabin. Both enjoy golfing.

**'56 Edna Bogle**, BA, was elected chair of the Denton County Democratic Party. **Donald T. Meyer**, BA, retired from the Central Intelligence Agency after nearly 37 years of federal service. He and his wife **Caroline (Stoner) Meyer**, BA '54, moved to North Carolina where they reside near Charlotte.

**'57 Regina Mattox**, BA, is retired from teaching and lives in Hemet, CA. She and her husband **Larry**, BA '55, spend summers in northern Minnesota at their lake cabin. Both enjoy golfing.

**'59 Emma Mettke**, BA directs a handbell choir at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Santa Ana, CA and gives piano lessons.

**'60 Gary Maas**, BA, MA '66, is a mathematics teacher at Rutgers Preparatory School, Somerset, NJ.

**'61 Dennis Holmes**, BA, is retiring after 42 years in the same classroom at the LuVerne Community Schools.

**Betty (Peters) Nobiling**, BA, retired from Irwin-Kirkman-Manilla Community Schools where she was media specialist and Title I instructor for 23 years. She will continue as librarian at the Westside Public Library. She and her husband Don have three sons and seven grandchildren.

**Anthony Prochaska**, BA, is the director of both the John A. Logan College Community Band and Orchestra. He had been a music director and an administrator in several Iowa and Illinois schools before he retired.

**'62 Judith (Schrage) Berg**, BA, retired from teaching in 1997 after 35 years. She currently serves as a clinical supervisor for Luther College and UNI student teachers assigned to the Rochester, MN placements. She enjoys traveling and visiting her grandchildren.

**'63 Andria (Meeks) Erzberger**, BA, has worked at the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab for five years. She is on the staff for the NSF-DOE project QuarkNet, which does outreach for particle physics.

**Arlen Gullickson**, BA, MA '67, received Western Michigan University's 2002 Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Gullickson is director of the Evaluation Center and is known nationally for evaluating science, math and technology programs as well as leadership in improving classroom assessment and educational evaluation.



Gullickson '63, '67

**James House**, BA, is retiring as superintendent at the East Central School District. He has been superintendent for 30 years.

**Sharon McElmeel**, BA, MA '63, was awarded the Celebrate Literacy Award by the Cedar Rapids Area Reading Council. She is an educational consultant and writer, author of 35 books and an instructor at Mount Mercy College and UNI.

**'64 Mary Benning Buls**, BA, retired from teaching and has taught six years at New





Hampton Schools and 31 years at Nashua Schools.

**George Coffin**, BA, had retired from teaching in 2001, but he now teaches science half time at Cardinal Stritch High School, Keokuk.

**'65 Nancy Brenholdt**, BA, retired after nearly 35 years of teaching, with 34 of those years in the Bloomington, MN Public Schools.

**Linnea Graen**, BA, and her husband volunteered in Ecuador for five weeks early this year.

**'66 Bob Beermann**, BA, has been with American Republic Insurance in Des Moines for 36 years.

**Gail (Johnson) Beermann**, BA, was named the Norwalk Area Chamber of Commerce "Educator of the Year" and has taught 29 years, 25 of those in Norwalk.

**David DeWalle**, BA, MA '74, retired from the Linn-Mar School District. He had been business administrator and board secretary for 26 years, three years as the human resources director and oversaw 15 construction projects while at Linn-Mar. He plans to be involved in the district somehow and to spend time golfing this summer.

**Robert Eilenfeldt**, BA, was honored by the YMCA of the USA with its national Volunteerism Award. He serves on the Airport Branch YMCA in Bedford, TX and on the national advisory committee for the YMCA Adventure guides programs, being elected chairman in 2001. He is active in his community as well.

**'67 Anne Chambers**, BA, was honored for her 30 years of service with Iowa State University Extension. She has been the office assistant at Fremont County Extension.

**Paul Fitzgerald**, BA, joined Waldorf College as its major gifts officer in the development office. He had been with Manufacturer's Bank and Trust in Forest City.

**William McCollaugh**, BA, leaves Hoover High School in Des Moines after being its principal for 12 years.

**'68 Theodore Drain**, BA, is the new owner of H&R Block franchises in Sigourney and Washington.

**Charlene (Nast) Wilkins**, BA, retired after 31 years. She had been a legal secretary with the office of the State Appellate Defender in Ottawa, IL.

**'69 Jean Bielefeldt**, BA, is associate vice president of human resources, University of Maryland.

**Earle Dickinson**, BA, MA '72, was appointed music director and conductor of the Eastern Iowa Brass Band. He had been director of bands for 23 years at Jefferson High School, Cedar Rapids. He was recognized in *School Band and Orchestra* magazine as one of 50 directors who make a difference.

**Joyce Judas**, BA, MA '71, is the new superintendent of schools for Humboldt. She had been principal at Humboldt High School.

**Karen (Vaudt) Mills**, BA, is the executive director of Christian Crusaders. She formerly was the UNI yearbook coordinator.

**Linda Ruiter**, BA, just retired from teaching. She will continue to travel, volunteer for the Forest Service and COTA, read, learn and enjoy her family.

**Beverly Saylor**, BA, just retired from teaching K-2 for 33 years at Marshall School in Dubuque. She taught one year in Las Cruces, NM. She and her husband Dick live in Dubuque.

**Dennis Tack**, BA, retired from teaching mathematics at Howard-Winneshiek Schools after 33 years. He is now an instructor of mathematics at Luther College.

**James Vigers**, BA, was appointed executive vice president of S&C Banco, Inc., New Richmond, WI.

**'70 Robert Hegna**, BA, MA '75, is in his 33rd year of teaching science at AHST High School, Avoca. He and his wife Ellamae have two college-age children.

**Gary Johnson**, BA, is the co-creator and executive producer of two TV series, *Doc* and *Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye* for PAX-TV. He lives in Moorpark, CA.

**Dennis Mills**, BA, retired from John Deere Computer Systems and now sells powered parachutes.

**Michael Peitz**, BA, MA '72, is the executive director of Educational Theatre Association, Cincinnati, OH. He recently earned his certified association executive designation.

**Lee Rainey**, BA, MA '72, is president of his own company, C-Level Consulting Services. He trains Fortune 500 sales account teams and is an independent consultant for IMPAXR. He had been sales vice president and market vice president for ADC Broadband Company and in sales for US West.

**Steve Schell**, BA, is retiring from 33 years of teaching history and geography in the Waterloo Community Schools.

**'71 Lynne Aldrich**, BA, took early retirement from Belmont-Klemme Schools; she taught mostly second grade. A Christmas tree farm south of Belmont will keep Lynne busy.

**Irene Bowen**, BA, is an attorney with the Deputy Chief of Disability Rights Section, Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. She enforces the Americans with Disabilities Act. She has two children in college and is married to Larry Goldberg. Her law degree is from George Washington University.

**Mary (Turpin) Harbeck**, BA, retired in June from 27 years in elementary education in Wisconsin, Iowa and Arizona. Her husband **Steve**, BA '71, retired from teaching and administration two years ago. They will celebrate with a two-month journey through Alaska.

**James Luhning**, BA, is retiring after teaching mathematics for 32 years. He spent 27 years at Hubbard, 2 years in Bettendorf and the remainder at Cherry Creek High School in Colorado. He's spent the last six years as a reader and table leader with the College Board's AP statistics program.

**Mark McBeth**, BA, was named executive assistant to Douglas Flory, a member of the Farm Credit Administration Board. He serves as an advisor and provides analysis and technical recommendations. McBeth had been assistant director of FCA's Office of Congressional and Public Affairs. He and his wife live in Silver Springs, MD.

**Susan (Fowler) Pagel**, BA, is a reading recovery teacher and Title 1 reading teacher in Waterloo. Her husband Leo died in 2000.

**Mary Sue Ellinger**, BA, MA '88, will be moving to England in August as a Fulbright Exchange teacher. Her husband, **William**, BA '74, retired from John Deere Waterloo Works in May after 37 years and will be accompanying her to England.



Rainey '72

**'72 Steve Archibald**, BA, MA '74, will assume the principal duties at Taft Middle School in Cedar Rapids. He had been associate principal at Kennedy High School.

**Georgia Clayton**, BA, is a media specialist at Wood Intermediate School in the Davenport School system. She has been doing this over 31 years.

**Carol (Heyden) Huebner**, BA, and her husband David celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary.

**David Steege**, BA, has been installed as the new pastor for St. John's Lutheran Church, State Center. He had served at Trinity in Sioux Valley, MN and Trinity in Vinton.

**'73 Craig Baldwin**, BA, is a customer category manager with Oscar Mayer, Broken Arrow, OK. He has been in sales with the company for 30 years.

**Thomas Crotty**, BA, is the regional market director at Celcom, Marshalltown.

**Velma (Flaucher) Falck**, BA, wrote a new fiction book *Whatever became of Luann?* She lives in Oelwein and is a published poet and novelist.

**Bruce Voigts**, BA, is now a science teacher at Clarion-Goldfield High School after twelve years as a Wright County naturalist.

**'74 Richard LaRue**, BA, serves as chair of exercise, sport and performance at the University of New England, Biddleford, ME. He is also chair of the University Faculty Senate and serves on the Board of Governors of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

**Gerald and Darla (Harms) Burt**, BA, have two sons attending UNI. Jerry works for the Iowa Department of Corrections as warden of the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility.

**William Ellinger**, BA, retired on May 31, 2003 from John Deere Waterloo Works after 37 years. He will be moving to England in August with his wife **Mary Sue**, BA '71, MA '88, where she will be a Fulbright Exchange teacher.

**'75 Patricia (Petersen) Andersen**, BA, is vice president of finance and information services for the Oklahoma Hospital Association, Oklahoma City, OK. She had been CFO and vice president of finance at Duncan Regional Hospital for nearly 18 years.

**'76 Ned Cox**, BA, is the new superintendent of Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn schools.

**Jean Roberts**, BA, has been teaching junior high family and consumer science classes in Gillette, WY for the past 24 years. She is married and has one son.

**Lynise (Huff) Robinson**, BA, attended Kirkwood Community College to get her AA degree as a physical therapist assistant, which enhanced her recreation/aquatic background from UNI. She currently works at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames at their therapy pool and Homeward Healthcare.

**'77 Randy Achenbach**, BA, MA '80, was appointed superintendent at Monticello Community Schools. He had been superintendent at Garner-Hayfield Community Schools and Janesville Consolidated Schools. **Nancy Nelson**, BA, is assistant vice president/branch manager at First Midwest Bank in a Chicago suburb.





**'78 Julia (Cresap) Crotty**, BA, is a consultant for instructional strategies and school improvement, AEA 267, Cedar Falls.

**Gary Pohlmann**, BA, was elected managing director of Marsh Inc., Atlanta, GA. He specializes in international sporting event safety and will be working for the Athens 2004 and Turin 2006 Olympic Games. He holds numerous professional designations and is active in the Atlanta community.

**David S. Peters**, BA, president of Peters Construction Corp., Waterloo, earned the Certified Professional Constructor designation. He is one of only four people in the state of Iowa to earn this designation.

**Steven Palmitier**, BA, has been promoted to president and chief operating officer of Midland National. He also holds the title of president of Sammons Securities. Both companies are part of the Sammons Financial Group.

**'79 Ruth Tucker**, BA, retired in 1996 and lives in Cedar Falls.

**'81 Susie Nieman**, BA, joined Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community as a horticultural therapist. She had been self-employed as a landscape gardener.

**Lila Starr**, BA, has been with the Iowa Department of Human Services for 18 years. She works in the Central Office as the adult mental health specialist and Olmstead coordinator. She and her husband Tony Montoya have two boys and live in Clive.

**David Stoakes**, MA, EdD '91, was named superintendent for Grinnell-Newburg Schools. He was principal at Grinnell High School.

**'82 Jacqueline Carter**, BA, MA '88, spends the four winter months in Lakeland, FL. She plays golf, visits the grandchildren, reads, writes and travels.

**Stacy (Roberts) Ingraham**, BA, MA '92, completed her PhD in exercise physiology and epidemiology from the University of Minnesota. She teaches full time at the University of Minnesota.

**Patricia Lacina**, BA, is a United States foreign service officer. She has served for 13 years with appointments in American embassies in Moscow, Kenya, Bogota, Vienna and Buenos Aires.

**Sheldon Sellers**, BA, was named vice president – cashier/controller at City State Bank. He has a CPA and MBA and had worked in manufacturing for over 20 years.

**Lori Zeutenhorst**, BA, teaches transitional kindergarten at Orange City Elementary, Orange City.

**'83 Patrick Van Nice**, BA, is the founder of Better Live Financial Planning Inc., West Des Moines. He and his wife Judy have twins.

**'84 Greg Bradley**, BA, is the executive director of the Fort Dodge Family YMCA. He held a similar position at the Kankakee, IL YMCA.

**Rochelle (Parker) Bruno**, BA, teaches second grade at Rees Elementary in Houston, TX. She's been there 19 years.

**David Lott**, BA has joined Peters Construction



Lott '84

Corporation of Waterloo as a project manager. He will be involved in preconstruction and construction management.

**Lisa (Schoonover) Pritchard**, BA, joined Fox Eye Laser & Cosmetic Institute, Cedar Rapids, as the marketing director. She and her husband Rod live in Cedar Rapids with their two boys.

**Robert Schultz**, BA, was awarded the American Heart Association's highest staff honor, its Earl B. Beagle Award. Schultz is chief operating officer, field operations at the Heartland Affiliate. He and his family live in Topeka, KS.

**Laura Shelby**, BA, is a public health advisor for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She is based in Albuquerque, NM and works with the Indian Health Service.

**Brent Wiethorn**, BA, is news director and news anchor for KMCH Radio, 94.7 FM in Manchester. He's been there for six years.



Schultz '84

**'85 Thomas Hanig**, BA, works at the First National Bank of Omaha in their human resources intranet programming area. He had been in their VISA and MasterCard authorization programming. He writes that his wife is a breast cancer survivor of three years and his two sons are into arts and academics.

**Brad Kirkpatrick**, BA, is co-owner and vice president of the financial end of his company Carter-Kirkpatrick, an underground utility contractor, and lives in North Liberty.

**'86 R. Scott Johnson**, BA, is an academic advising coordinator at the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ.

**Linda Larson-Hoopes**, BA, was named director of admissions at Upper Iowa University.

**Kevin Seitz**, BA, is general manager of T.J.'s Pizza, Monona. He and his wife Lisa have a son.

**Eric Taylor**, BA, is a real estate appraiser, Overland Park, KS.

**Deborah Vangellow**, BA, was named LPGA's Central Section Teacher of the Year for 2002. She is the director of instruction at Sweetwater Country Club in Houston, TX and is on the faculty for the LPGA National Education Program.

**Bobbie Williams**, BA, recently returned from Baghdad, Iraq, supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. Soon Williams will be reassigned to the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.



Vangellow '86

**'87 Maribeth (Condon) Boelts**, BA, authored *Kids to the Rescue: First Aid Techniques for Kids*, with her husband Darwin, who is a paramedic with the fire department. She has authored over two dozen books and lives in Cedar Falls.

**Elisa Gatz**, BA, is in her sixteenth year as a physics teacher at Sterling High School, Sterling, IL. She is married to Joe and has two children.

**Tracy (Randall) Liebermann**, BA, is in her eighth

year as a school psychologist for the Grant Wood Area Education Agency.

**Sello Rasethaba**, BA, is chairman of Saatchi & Saatchi, South Africa. He is also executive director of Matodzi Resources.

**Martin Till**, BA, joined American Trust and Savings Bank as an agricultural and commercial lender in their new Farley office. He had been with Cenex Propane Energy in Dubuque. He and his wife Shelley have two children.

**'88 Tracey Boswell**, BA, is professor of art history at Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, KS.

**Melissa (Pratt) Crawford**, BA, was promoted to vice president of market segmentation for Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. She has worked there since 1989 and holds the HIAA professional certification.

**Lisa Hopp**, BA, is a program manager for Principal Financial Group. She and her husband David have three boys and live in Earlham.

**Jeff Liebermann**, BA, graduated with an MA from the University of Iowa School of Journalism and Mass Communications. He is a development officer at the University of Iowa Foundation.

**James B. West**, BA, was promoted to construction projects manager at the Omaha Public Power District's Fort Calhoun Nuclear Generating Station.

**Susan Winter**, BA, received one of Webster County's Golden Apple Awards for her classroom experience and the impact she has made on students. She is a kindergarten teacher at Feelhaver Elementary School.

**'89 Clark Duhrkopf**, BM, opened CD Arts Performing Ensemble and Academy, a private lesson and choir studio in the Twin Cities. He has done a variety of things since moving to Minneapolis: teaching in the Minneapolis Public Schools, singing with the Minnesota Opera, directing musical theater productions and dancing with the Ballet Arts Minnesota. He is also associate director of music at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and plays saxophone with the Eden Prairie Community Band.

**Debra Haywood**, BA, teaches first and second grade multi-age classes at Central Elementary, Nevada. She is married to John and they have two children.

**Greg and Andrea McFarlan**, BA, live in Urbandale and have two boys. Greg is a project manager in human resources at Wells Fargo Financial and Andrea is a massage therapist.

**Ralph Ockenfels**, BA, is the marketing director for the Nashville Titans. He had been assistant director of marketing for the Green Bay Packers. He married Jannette Lahiff in 1996.

**Sara (Smith) Taylor**, BA, is a sales rep for Warner Chilcott, Overland Park, KS.

**Barbara Walker**, BA, substitute teaches in the Cedar Falls area. She has four children, ranging in age from 13 to 5 and tries to keep up with them. They reside in Waverly.

**'90 Mark Bare**, BA, was recently appointed chairman of the Iowa Concrete Paving Association. He is senior project manager at Cedar Valley Corp.



Crawford '88





**Rebecca (Despenas) Brant**, BA, MA '92, joined Community Care Inc. as its facility-based director in DeWitt. She had been a joint treatment planner for Magellan Health Systems and an inpatient/outpatient counselor at Prairie Ridge Addiction Treatment Center. **Bill Byerly**, BA, was appointed the administrator of the Nora Springs Care Center, which is part of the ABCM Corp.

**James Crean**, BA, is the executive director for Webster County Development. He had held a similar position in Buckeye, AZ.

**Christine (Wrage) Egan**, BA, is a contract processing specialist at Yellowbook, Cedar Rapids. She and her husband Robert raise German Shorthair Pointers.

**Courtney Messingham**, BT, was named head football coach for Upper Iowa University, Fayette. He had been an assistant coach at Southwest Missouri State and at Truman State University. He and his wife Carol have a daughter.

**Ward Phifer**, BT, is project manager for Russell Construction Co., Inc., Des Moines.

**Scott Sawlis**, BA, began his ninth year as entomologist/vector control supervisor for Dallas County Mosquito Control, Dallas, TX.

**Jon Shepherd**, BA, was elected a partner with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher law firm. He is in the Dallas office. He deals with complex commercial litigation matters and is the senior editor of the American Bar Association's Antitrust Law Journal.

**'91 Philip Akasan**, BA, is chief financial officer for Terrus Real Estate Group, Des Moines. He had been vice president and division finance officer with Wells Fargo Merchant Services. He and his wife Ginger have two children.

**Jack Emkes**, BA, was hired by Wells Fargo Home Mortgage to manage their Waterloo/Cedar Falls, Mason City, Marshalltown and Clear Lake offices.

**Joan (Walther) Greenlee**, BA, MA '00, works with AEA 7 in the Kindergarten-6 Behavioral Disabilities at Shell Rock Elementary.

**Jill Hemphill**, BA, became a partner in the Philadelphia office of PricewaterhouseCooper LLP. She specializes in global executive compensation.

**Tom Meyer**, BA, is the new Humboldt County attorney. He had been assistant Bremer County and Worth County attorneys.

**Terry Salmonson**, BA, director of operations for American Dairy Queen Corp., received the Dairy Queen Top of the Field Award.

**Gregory Weber**, BA, has been named vice president and shareholder of Business Capital Corp., Des Moines. He directs the firm's business valuation, research and analysis team. He holds CPA/ABV and ASA designations.

**'92 Wendy Cruse**, MA, will be the elementary school principal in the Grundy Center schools. She had been an elementary principal in Tripoli.

**Delaine Freese**, BA, senior vice president and head of lending for First Citizens National Bank in Charles City, is president of the Charles City Community Schools Board of Education and a member of Lions Club and Boy Scout Troop 78 Committee.

**Benjamin Lee**, DIT, professor of technology at California State University, Los Angeles, was named Educator of the Year by the Printing Industries Association. He consistently garners honors in the field of graphic communications and education.

**Russell Meade**, BA, opened Russell J. Meade, CPA to provide services for income tax preparation and other accounting services. He had worked for Mosebach Griffin & Co. His office is out of his house, which allows him to spend time with his daughter who has a bone disease.

**Allen D. Ricks**, MBA, was named executive director of the Covenant Foundation. He had been director of development for Peoples Community Health Clinic.

**Ross Brady Serold**, BA, BA '93, lives in Vancouver, WA with his wife Jill and two daughters. He works as an underwriting consultant for Standard Financial Group, Portland, OR.

**'93 Mike Beals**, BA, is the store director at DrugTown, Indianola, where he lives with his wife Laura and two sons.

**Kara Jane Curl**, BA, BA '95, taught for five years, then left education to work for Dice.com, Urbandale. She lives in Des Moines and is active in church and community.

**Demetrius Frana**, BA, is a field agent for the NFIB.

**Dennis Jaeger**, BA, is operations manager at Kendall Hunt Publishing, Dubuque. He and his wife Beth have two boys.

**Kristin McHugh-Johnston**, BA, was selected as one of the recipients of the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Awards. She co-hosted the Muscatine-based radio program report "Kosovo's Pied Piper: The Liz Shropshire Story."

**Christopher Manahan**, BA, was ordained as a Roman Catholic priest with the Society of Jesus in June. He received his master of divinity degree from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley. He is now working in Jesuit parishes on the Rosebud reservation in South Dakota.

**Andrea (Ellingsen) Stahl**, BA, was promoted to human resources and education officer at the Washington County Bank, Blair, NE. She is the president of the Cosmopolitan Club in Blair and secretary of the Blair Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. She earned her PHR certification this year.

**Dee Vandeventer**, MA, commemorated her 50th birthday by challenging family and friends to donate \$50,000 to charitable organizations. Dee is president of ME&V in Cedar Falls.

**'94 Aaron Clayberg**, BA, is the personal banker and financial specialist for US Bank in Ames.

**Jeffrey Fuhrman**, BA, was appointed executive director of Delta Upsilon Fraternity. He holds a law degree and a CPA.

**Kelli (Lovick) Harms**, BA, MA '02, received her master's of arts in communication studies from UNI.

**Debbie Hrubes**, BA, completed the State Firefighter I course and Critical Care Paramedic course. She works as a full-time paramedic with the Dallas County EMS and a part-time paramedic with the West Des Moines EMS.

**William Lange**, BA, was promoted to regional sales manager for True Temper Sports, a golf shaft manufacturer.

**Sarah (Fogdall) Miller**, BA, joined the family business, Ace Fogdall RV, in Cedar Falls.

**Jamie Vermeys**, BA, joined United Real Estate Solutions in the residential sales division in Sioux City. She had worked for MCI and Manpower in human resources and staffing.

**Matt Wagner**, BA, joins CSBank in Fort Dodge as

assistant vice president. He had worked at First American Bank in investments and mortgage lending.

**'95 Rob Bixenman**, BA, is a new producer for Mills-Shellhammer & Assoc., Sioux City. He has experience in property and casualty insurance and is an underwriter.

**Lisa (Doering) Clayburg**, BA, teaches language arts at Nevada Middle School, Nevada.

**Karisti Cormier**, BA, finished her MA in English Education at Iowa and taught junior high English/Language Arts in Williamsburg for four years. This summer, she will move to Berlin, Germany to teach 7-13 grade English at the J.F. Kennedy Schule.

**Carolyn Huber**, MA, joined the New Hampton High School staff as special education teacher. She also teaches language arts and has the work study program. She and her husband live in Jerico.

**Britt Moffatt**, BA, is on staff with Campus Crusade for Christ, working with their inner city ministry in Los Angeles.

**Kelly Mutschler**, BA, is a deputy United States marshal. He had been with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for 10 years.

**Kimberly and James Schmitz**, BA, live in Des Moines with their daughter. Kim is a veterinarian in Des Moines and Jim is in marketing with Advantage Sales and Marketing.

**Darrin Sinnard**, MBA, was promoted to retention manager with the Quad City Times. He had been in the circulation and marketing departments at the Times.

**Christopher Soppe**, BA, works as a staff attorney for Legal Aid of Iowa in Dubuque.

**'96 Patrick Barlow**, MA, finished his PhD in psychology at Iowa State last year. He has just finished his first year of teaching at Gannon University, Erie, PA.

**Heath Bohlen**, BA, is participating in the Operation Iraqi Freedom while assigned to the Carrier Air Wing Three on board the USS Harry S. Truman aircraft carrier.

**Kelli Head**, BA, is a patrol officer for the City of Cedar Falls police. She had been a television producer.

**Cindy (Swets) Hoeppner**, BA, is a human resource generalist working with employee benefits at the University of Northern Iowa. She and her son live in Cedar Falls.

**Jennifer Russell**, BA, took over the misdemeanor and juvenile delinquency dockets at the Warren County Attorney's office. She had been practicing family and criminal law in Des Moines.

**Stephen Sporer**, BA, is director of student activities at Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY.

**Alex Vierung**, BA, district manager of Vector Marketing Corp's Omaha, NE office, reached his \$8 million career sales milestone as a manager. He started as field sales manager, then assistant sales manager and is now district manager. He is a member of the Company's Court of Honor.

**'97 Threase Harms-Hassoun**, BA, is the program director in the Division of Tobacco Use Prevention and Control for the State of Iowa's Department of Health.

**Megan Ries**, BA, works as a full-time counselor and a part time teacher, living in Winona, MN.

**Sheila Wemark**, BA, opened her chiropractic offices in Lime Springs and Elma last fall.



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**'98 Christopher Bogue**, BA, DDS, joined the Carroll Dental Clinic, Carroll. He and his wife Jana had been in Des Moines.

**B.J. Miller**, BA, is with the law firm of Hopkins and Huebner, Des Moines.

**'99 Jennifer (Hesse) Jungen**, BA, graduated from Iowa's physician assistant program and is now a PA-C in orthopedic surgery at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

**Lonny Kolln II**, BA, joined the Council Bluffs law firm of Wilson & Pechacek. He practices corporate law, real estate, estate planning and taxation.

**'00 Carole Bernard**, MA, is retiring as principal from Grand Wood Elementary in Cedar Rapids. She's been with the Cedar Rapids School district since 1974.

**Shannon (Callahan) Bostick**, BA, was deployed to southwest Asia to support Operation Southern Watch. She is a fire detection center tactical director regularly assigned to Task Force Iron Horse at Fort Bliss, El Paso, TX.

**Caleb Ewers**, BA, a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps, completed the Dynamic Response '02 while based in Camp Lejeune, NC. He is deployed aboard a ship that is with the U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/U.S. Fifth Fleet in the Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea area. He has recently landed in Kuwait.

**Cory Hart**, BA, was hired to create an in-house advertising agency at Casey's General Stores, Ankeny. He had worked at a TV station and an advertising agency prior to this.

**Kevin Kakacek**, BA, is a personal financial advisor for American Express Financial Advisors in Clarion. He and his wife Sarah live in Clarion.

**Lori Michaelson**, MBA, is senior vice president and senior loan officer for First State Bank, Conrad. She held similar positions with a bank in Fort Dodge.

**Matt Nielsen**, BA, was promoted to manager of international business planning and financial analysis at American Express.

**Corey Schneden**, BA, is an Ankeny police officer who graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.

**Sarah Schwartz**, BA, is the Brooklyn Center Editor for the Sun-Post Newspapers, Robbinsdale, MN.

**Erin Selby**, BA, is a patient representative for Ottumwa Regional Health Center. She has worked at First Iowa State Bank and Molloy Wellness.

**Warren Snook**, BA, is a 1st Lieutenant with the 2nd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery in the Army's air assault division. He was deployed to Iraq in March.

**Ivy Sprague**, BA, is the first marketing manager for the Waverly Municipal Hospital. She had been communications manager for the American Agricultural Economics Association, Ames.

**Jared Trullinger**, BA, was ordained as the new Christian education director at First Church United in West Liberty.

**'01 Lia Aikey**, BA, began her duties as administrator at Good Samaritan Center, Holstein.

**Erin (Galpin) Anfinson**, BA, will showcase her MFA works at the William Benton Museum of Art at the University of Connecticut. She has exhibited her work in various galleries on the East Coast.

**Hilary Bertucci**, BA, works as a flight attendant for

ATA, based in New York City, which operates many of the military charters overseas.

**Brad Best**, BS, has been promoted to the position of project manager with Peters Construction Corporation of Waterloo, IA.

**Brian Daoust**, BA, is the history, psychology and sociology teacher at Central Lyon High School, Rock Rapids. In addition, he is the freshman basketball, long distance track, academic decathlon and ultimate disc coaches.

**Jake Denning**, BA, is a project manager at Burlington's Rheinschmidt Tile and Marble and serves on the South East Iowa Builders Association scholarship committee.

**Erin Hoekstra**, BA, was appointed commercial lending credit analyst at First Federal, Sioux City.

**Stacey Knapp**, BA, is a Spanish teacher at Dyersville Beckman.

**Jennifer (Clay) Tibbetts**, BA, MA '02, was promoted to program supervisor for Alternative Services, Cedar Rapids.

**'02 Casey Fonley**, BA, is the wellness coordinator at Keokuk Area Medical Equipment and Pharmacy. She is also in charge of marketing the center. **Corey Handfelt**, BT, joined Peters Construction Corp., Waterloo, as a project engineer. He had been an intern with Peters.

**Mike McGill**, BA, is director of the Independence Chamber of Commerce.

**Katie (Noring) Nyberg**, BA, is teaching fifth grade at Alan Shepard Elementary, Long Grove.

**Kari Soper**, BA, recently graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy and has been hired as an officer with the Cedar Falls Police Department.



Best '01

## MARRIAGES

**'80s** **Vickie Trent**, BA '82, MA '87, EdD '90 & Byron Mather. **Richard Schlueter**, BA '83 & Lisa Mescher. **Susan Johnson**, BA '83, MA '92 & **Shawn Langan**, BA '85. **Sandra Mulsoff**, BA '85 & Bruce Sorenson. **Christopher Hagie**, BA '86 & Gina Kaiser. **Kirk Howard**, BA '87 & Molly Soeden. **Philip Kenkel**, BT '89 & Heidi Millard.

**'90s** **Melissa Fitzgerald**, BA '90 & Brian Carver. **Meredith Wedeking**, BA '90 & Urban Jermann. **Bradley Kremer**, BA '90 & Ginny Sinkel. **Christine Wrage**, BA '90 & Robert Egan. **Tony Tomlyanovich**, BA '91 & Amy Haberl. **Christine Joyce**, BA '91 & Scott Sanders. **Tony Boothroyd**, BA '92 & Kelly Sharp. **Christa Moser**, BA '92 & Stephen Welsh. **Andrea Richey**, BA '92 & Michael Lindsay. **Kevin Sullivan**, BA '93 & Pilar Sanchez. **Kay Dettbarn**, BA '93, MA '01 & **Marty Gustin**, BA '94, MBA '99. **Jennifer Reis**, BA '93 & Scott Cihacek. **Danna Pepper**, BA '94 & **Brian D. Jones**, BA '94. **Travis Schaeffer**, BT '94 & Lynette Brus. **Mark Halbach**, BA '94 & Wendy Oge. **Debra Drilling**, BA '94 & Leon Garbes. **Michael Klocker**, BA '94 & Lily Marshall. **Matthew Wells**, BA '95 & Sarah Pippin. **Heidi Hinrichs**, BA '95 & Ron McKay. **Becky Ahlhelm**, BA '95

& Anthony Myers. **David Keinroth**, BA '95 & Piper Farnier. **Derek Adams**, BA '95 & Angela Johnson. **Phil Walton**, BA '95 & Jenny Miller. **Chadwick Boyd**, BA '95 & Trudi Ferguson. **Derek Henry**, BA '95 & Jenny Eslinger. **James Keefer**, BA '95 & Jody Hill. **Brooke Helmkamp**, BA '95 & Jason Moore. **Lyn Noelting**, BA '95 & **Steve Machacek**, BA '95. **Cathy Capehart**, BA '95 & Tim Noack. **Keith Baker**, BA '96 & Traeci Bandfield. **Eric Peters**, BA '96 & Katie Drake. **Kelly Broders**, BA '96 & Rick Batres. **Aaron Wiebelhaus**, BT '96 & Staci Fick. **Matthew Cheney**, BA '96 & Allyson Cheatham. **Kristy Luiken**, BA '96 & Kevin Sawyer. **Rachel Charleston**, BA '97 & Craig Lindsay. **Matthew Mick**, BA '97 & Dawn Luensmann. **Randall Nelson**, BA '97 & Amy Engler. **Jamie Meek**, BA '97 & Jamie Scott. **Russell Dreesman**, BA '97 & Dianne Dacres. **Shawn Roe**, BS '97 & Constance Peterson. **Patrick Rohan**, BA '97 & Cari Baldwin. **Jessie Berte**, BA '97 & Jeffrey Nevitt. **Jennifer Folsom**, BA '97 & William May. **Jason Daniel**, BA '98 & Andrea Grosvenor. **Aaron Green**, BA '98 & Kimberly Kroeger. **Cory Heiman**, BA '98 & Tonya Brouillette. **Eric Johnson**, BA '98 & Jennifer Raymond. **Sara Matthews**, BA '98 & Andrew Schmitz. **Derrick Becker**, BS '98 & Marcie Frazier. **Michelle Delaney**, BA '98 & Kory Catlett. **Krystal Eigsti**, BA '98 & Michael Kron. **Nicole Hintz**, BA '98 & **Christopher Kumpf**, BA '99. **Corey McGee**, BA '98 & Marianne Fitzgibbon. **Elizabeth Tyler**, BA '01 & **Paul Nichols**, BA '98. **Kendra Stannard**, BA '98 & Jason Brower. **Peyton Deterding**, BA '98 & Nicole Wiles. **Lindi Magsamen**, BA '98 & Duane Kelley, BA '98. **Latisha Stickley**, BA '98 & Andrew Smith. **Sandra Roling**, BA '98 & Jose Luna. **Jennifer Carpenter**, BA '99 & Scott Rayne. **Derek Peck**, BA '99 & Maren Sand. **Michael Whitted**, BA '99 & Anna Furguele. **Alicia Goshorn**, BA '99 & Brian Knaus. **Sara Andre**, BA '99 & Jeremy Struble. **Sara Burke**, BA '99 & Jeff Curphey. **Melinda Dodd**, BA '99 & **Andrew Kuennen**, BA '99. **Amy Hempting**, BA '99 & Nick Lennie. **Wendy Hinkle**, BA '99 & Tim Markey. **Amy Rittgers**, BA '99 & Andrew White. **Chanda Rogalla**, BA '99 & James Englin. **Rebecca Schanze**, BA '99 & **Erik Allison**, BA '02. **Jennifer Swamberger**, BA '99, MA '02 & **Michael Neumann**, BFA '00. **Rebecca Vogt**, BA '99 & Kelly Foss. **Heather Bauer**, BA '99, MA '01 & **Benjamin Olsen**, BA '00. **Jonathan Judisch**, BA '99 & Rachel Dozark. **Ryan Oppedahl**, BA '99 & Erin Guy. **Kara Latusick**, BA '99 & **Ethan DeWall**, BA '99. **Megan Kurtz**, BA '99 & **Christopher Tobey**, BA '94. **Erin Kettman**, BA '99 & Dan Hogan. **Jessica Kayser**, BA '99 & Shane Williams. **Tina Melhus**, BA '99 & Brian Morrison. **Rachel Heinricy**, BA '99 & **Karl Eck**, BA '99. **Bridget Davis**, BA '99 & **Chet Shultz**, BA '95. **Dawn Brown**, BA '99 & Stacy McFarlane. **Jenny Hosch**, BA '99 & Jamie Hoffman. **Lana Deeney**, BA '93 & Dastan Snitker. **Jodie Smothers**, BA '94 & **Larry Gallagher**, BA '81. **Leann Voshell**, BA '95 & Thomas Crilly. **Michelle Fischels**, BA '95 & John Grimm. **Laura Schwartz**, BA '99 & **Alex Ledger**, BA '98. **Jennifer Schelling**, BA '95 & Derek Ladehoff. **Kristin Clemens**, BA '97 & Jayme Kluesner. **Katherine Turpen**, BA '99 & Jerry Parks. **Kelly Goehrig**, BA '99 & **Brian Deimerly**, BA '96.

**'00s** **Diana Vercande**, BA '00 & Dale Miller. **Carey Shoff**, BA '00 & **Shaun Linderbaum**, BA '00. **Melissa Stevenson**, BA '00 & **Brian Higgins**, BA '00. **Anne Ubbenb**, BA '00 & **Matthew Lanigan**, BA '01. **Greg Adam**, BA '00 &





Brandi Crew. **Heather Bentley**, BA '00 & Eric Michaels. **Marycrystal Buchman**, BA '00 & **Michael Berg**, BA '98. **Angela Britton**, BA '00 & Scott Sobkowiak. **Ashley Bryant**, BA '00 & **Ryan Fitzharris**, BA '00, MA '02. **Kate Christensen**, BA '00 & Duane Anderson. **Julie Felderman**, BA '00 & Rusty Eddy. **Jennifer McCubbin**, BA '00 & Scott Thompson. **Andrea Nechanicky**, BA '00 & **Daniel Dufner**, MBA '99. **Stacey Montagne**, BA '00 & **Scott Vance**, BA '00. **Sarah Rasmussen**, BA '00, MA '02 & **AJ Kool**, BA '01. **Thomas Boothby**, BA '00 & Amanda Parkway. **Chad Thomas**, BA '00 & Mary Brich. **Michael Schneider**, BA '00 & Mary Boddy. **Nicholas Goetsch**, BS '00 & Amy Alexander. **Casey Koch**, BS '00 & Cindi Meissner. **Chad Gookin**, BA '00 & Britni Luethye. **Jami Devine**, BA '00 & Chad Kaepfel. **Mackenzie Hohenadel**, BA '00 & **Michael Hausafus**, BA '01. **Justine Johanningmeier**, BA '00 & Marc Calderwood. **Leanne Kleinmeyer**, BA '00 & **Derrick Klinkenberg**, BS '00. **Jill Mogard**, BA '00 & Andrew Paullus. **Heather Powers**, BA '00 & **Souvanna Southammavong**, BA '99. **Rachel Schroeder**, BA '00 & Brian Kalstrup. **Stacey Waddingham**, BA '00 & Joshua Ray. **Jacob Cowell**, BA '01 & Tammy Kleinhekel. **Lisa Petersen**, BA '01 & Sam Paul. **Jessica Olsen**, BA '01 & Stephen Dunbar. **Adam Weller**, BA '01 & Brandy Smith. **Leann Shelman**, BA '01 & Travis Stout. **Corey Peterman**, BS '01 & Sara Nadermann. **Lisa Adkins**, BM '01 & Jeff Meyers. **Leasha Beck**, BA '01 & **Matthew Waltermann**, BA '01. **Nellica Bonderson**, BA '01 & **Scott Seibert**, BA '01. **Patricia Noteboom**, BA '01 & **Jared Brinkmeyer**, BA '00. **Laura Myhre**, BA '01 & **Nicholas Kuennen**, BA '01. **Judy Praska**, BA '01 & **John Pentecost**, BA '99. **Kathryn Phippo**, BA '01 & **Neal Keegan**, BA '01. **Vanessa Seaward**, BA '01 & **Christopher Kasperek**, BA '97. **Amy Templeton**, BA '01 & Jeremy Mishler. **Ali Sieren**, BA '01 & Nick Schissel. **Linda Tonn**, BA '01 & Bobby Garrison. **Michelle Varney**, BA '01 & **William Howe**, BA '00. **Jina Witthoft**, BA '01 & Justin Walton. **Anne Shimkat**, BA '01 & **Matthew Harding**, BA '00. **Bobbi Bahr**, BA '01 & Thomas Brunner. **Teresa Grothus**, BA '01 & Jeff Heden. **Karen Borchardt**, BA '01 & **Daniel Stuber**, BA '93. **Kimberly Hammack**, BA '01 & Jamie Lemonds. **Nadia Korobova**, MPP '01 & Earnest Woodards. **Kimberlee Kaiser**, BA '01 & Adam Klein. **Lara Luttinen**, BA '98, BA '01 & **Joshua Jepson**, BA '01. **Teri Martin**, BA '01 & **Brad Bowlin**, BA '02. **Tyler Roos**, BA '01 & **Taya Ingerslev**, BA '02. **Mary Elizabeth (Liz) Butera**, BA '01 & Nick Schuster. **Andrea Cornish**, BA '01 & Justin Gibbs. **Carey Gehl**, BA '01 & BJ Supple. **Molly Keller**, BA '01 & Gareth Rayner. **Alissa Kucera**, BA '01 & **Carl Ericson**, BA '01. **Jennifer Lancaster**, BA '01 & **Tony Kramer**, BA '02. **Angela Schons**, BA '01 & Raymond Redell. **Tracy Claassen**, BA '01 & **Joe Neymeyer**, BA '00. **Sara Zubrod**, BA '01 & **Steven Schuler**, BA '00. **Amanda Scott**, BA '01 & **Matthew Millhollin**, BA '98. **Bryan Nugent**, BA '02 & Stephanie Troupe. **Mitch Hackbarth**, BA '02 & Angie Denkiau. **Kayah-bah Phillman**, MA '02 & **David Malecek**, BA '94. **Sara Fett**, BA '02 & **Timothy Wood**, BA '00. **Claire Regan**, BA '02 & Travis Boyle. **Angie Reams**, BA '02 & **John Wilmer**, BA '02. **Nicole Pryor**, BA '02 & Clint Witt. **Angela Kilker**, BA '02 & James Christensen. **Julie Grossman**, BA '02 & **Ben Buenzow**, BA '01. **Elizabeth Francis**, BA '02 & **Jason Markey**, BA '00. **Joanna Meyers**, BA '02 & Jacob Grote. **Amanda**

**Schaefer**, BA '02 & **Adam Witmeyer**, BA '00. **Chasitie Schelling**, BA '02 & **Steven Vanderplaats**, BA '02. **Christa Schmadeke**, BA '02 & Seth Heitter. **Yayoi Teramoto**, MA '02 & **Patrick Moreland**, BA '97, MA '00. **Megan Thompson**, BA '02 & **Gregory Bearbower**, BA '02. **Hilary Hohl**, BA '02 & **Andrew Larson**, BA '01. **Brad Wurster**, BA '02 & Candace Thompson. **Karen Eddy**, B '02 & Chris Mohr. **Amy Dietzenbach**, BS '01 & Jeremy Roethler. **Carrie Sueppel**, BA '00 & **George Karr**, BS '02. **Kim McCaffrey**, BA '02 & Shane Davis. **Beth Bernholtz**, BA '01 & Jason Boyd. **Heather Lowe**, BA '01 & **Daniel Wilcox**, BA '01. **Myndi List**, BA '02 & Matthew Simpson. **Jennifer Hansen**, BA '95 & **Collin Anderson**, BS '99. **Jessica Hagberg**, BA '02 & Matthew Nikkel. **Jessica James**, BA '02 & Joseph Benter. **Amy Scherbring**, BA '01 & Jeff Mensen. **Diana Franck**, BS '01 & Zach Bowley. **Stacy Owens**, BA '00 & Brian Speltz. **Julie Miller**, BA '01 & Olaf Rouse. **Karen Hite**, BA '00 & Travis Hayes. **Jennifer Duede**, BA '02 & **Tristan Brown**, BA '02. **Megan Odell**, BA '02 & Christopher Lantz. **Mary Lanphier**, BA '01 & **Adam Crile**, BA '01. **Angela Snook**, BA '02 & Bradley Funkhouser. **Melissa Imoehl**, BA '01 & **Andrew Eldridge**, BA '01. **Rachel Riepma**, BA '02 & Daniel Hoeck.

## BIRTHS

'80s James & **Angela (Quint) Nespor**, BM '80, Ames IA, daughter Monique Angel, born Oct. 25, '01. **Suzann & Timothy Johnson**, BA '84, Wheaton IL, son Matthew, born Mar. 28, '02. **Bob & Janice (Groth) Hewitt**, BA '86, Waterloo IA, daughter Emmy, born May 13, '02. **Marc & Teresa (Wessel) Wenger**, BA '87, Harvest AL, son Bennett, born Jan. 2, '02. **Lori (Huffman) Reelfs**, BA '88 & **Quint Reelfs**, BA '93, Chandler TX, son Braden, born May 2, '02. **Shawn & Marcia (Claassen) McKenna**, BA '89, Evansdale IA, daughter Jessica, born Aug. 18, '02. **Andrea & John Dunlay**, BA '89, Waterloo IA, son Joseph, born Aug. 29, '02. **Jeffrey & Karen (Gray) Bass**, BA '89, Waterloo IA, daughter Rachel, born June 15, '02. **Erin & Lane McCumsey**, BA '89, Brainerd MN, son Camdyn, born Oct. 15, '02.

'90s Kristy & **David Giesking**, BA '90, Reinbeck IA, son Kegan, born Aug. 7, '02. **Julie (Trost) Gootee**, BA '90, MA '92, & **Timothy Gootee**, BA '93, Waverly IA, daughter Alexis, born Aug. 2, '02. **Karen (McCreary) Pisney**, BA '90 & **Edward Pisney**, BT '92, Cedar Rapids IA, son Nathaniel, born Mar. 26, '02. **Clem Schulte**, BA '90 & **Heather (Lutz) Schulte**, BA '95, Waverly IA, son Ryan, born June 30, '02. **Mark Alberts**, BT '91, MA '92 & **Laurie (Beeck) Alberts**, BA '93, Janesville IA, son Matthew, born June 7, '02. **Rochelle (Gehrke) Loonan**, BA '91, MA '99 & **Andrew Loonan**, BA '97, Waterloo IA, son Jacob, born June 5, '02. **Cindy & Paul Kumsher**, BA '91, Britt IA, son Maxwell, born Apr. 1, '02. **Thomas & Tina (Boyd) Sinnott**, BA '91, Waterloo IA, son Benjamin, born June 14, '02. **Stacy Sternhagen**, BA '91 & **Colette (Turk) Sternhagen**, BA '95, Cedar Falls IA, son Austin, born July 23, '02. **Michael Sulentic**, BA '91 & **Beth (Riley) Sulentic**, BA '93, MBA '02, Cedar Falls IA, daughter Lauren, born May 30, '02. **Roy & Lori (Scott) Wasson**,

## Team UNI overwhelms NCAA

Perhaps it was that Panther pride showing through or maybe it was because of that Panther pride that Short's Travel Management will provide all the travel, meeting and convention services for the NCAA championships, meetings, and events.

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David LeCompte '90, President  
Sue Terry Stilwell '75, Vice President  
Elizabeth McCloney Davis '98, Controller  
Kris Huss Fratzke '86, Director  
Eric Brasch '94 and '99, Director  
Austin Lorenzen '00, Systems Analyst  
Jennifer Burvee Breu '98, Accountant

BA '91, MA '93, Indianapolis IN, daughter Valori, born May 11, '01, daughter Sarah, born Oct. 3, '02. **Dan Bogart**, BA '92 & **Vickie (Brignon) Bogart**, BA '92, Waterloo IA, daughter Braley, born May 24, '02. **Kent & Deanna (Cranston) Heine**, BA '92, Waverly IA, son Tyler, born May 22, '02. **Jay Johnson**, BA '92 & **Lori (Ross) Johnson**, BA '92, Lawrence KS, son Cole Robert, born Jan. 19, '02. **Jeffrey & Kristin (Oltrogge) Fritz**, BA '92, Cedar Falls IA, daughter Morgan, born Apr. 14, '02. **Rebecca & Michael Swanger**, BA '92, West Des Moines IA, son John Michael, born Aug. 20, '02. **Brad & Wendy (Yetmar) Clark**, BA '92, Waterloo IA, daughter Emma, born Sept. 17, '02. **Matthew Banning**, BA '93 & **Tammy (Lebeck) Banning**, BA '94, Center Point IA, twin sons Alexander and Zachariah, born July 29, '02. **Brianna & Steve Deering**, BA '93, Lake Geneva WI, son Cole, born Apr. 11, '02. **Beth & Michael Finn**, BA '93, Cedar Falls IA, son Matthew, born May 6, '02. **Demetrius Frana**, BA '93 & **Kathleen (Kern) Frana**, BA '95, Aplington IA, son Joshua, born Apr. 25, '02. **Jared & Jennifer (Hanna) Guidry**, BA '93, Plano TX, daughter Hanna, born July 19, '02. **Brian & Christine (Bernhard) McConnell**, BA '93, Waterloo IA, daughter Brianna, born July 9, '02. **Amy & Brian Ramker**, BA '93, Waterloo IA, daughter Molly, born June 4, '02. **Michael & Rochelle Sherburne**, BA '93, Aplington IA, son Trevor, born Aug. 28, '02. **Chad Wauters**, BA '93 & **Jodi (Proslovec) Wauters**, BA '94, Waterloo IA, son Zakary, born June 5, '02. **Jason & Wendy (Oelschlager) Meester**, BA '94, Holland IA, son Jacob, born Aug. 7, '02. **Matthew Sallee**, BA '94 & **Deanne (Jorgensen) Sallee**, BA '95, Hudson IA, daughter Kylee, born Oct. 3, '02. **Julie & Ryan Becker**, BA '94, Clarksville IA, son Kaden, born July 21, '02. **Travis Frush**, BA '94, MA '96 & **Lisa (Drahos) Frush**, BA '94, LaPorte City IA, daughter Madison, born July 10, '02. **Alan & Alice (Dempster) Tanner**, BA '94, MA '01, Waterloo IA, daughter Nichole, born June 13, '02. **Joanna & Peter Yezek**, BA '94, Cedar Falls IA, son Samuel, born Mar. 22, '02. **Bradley & Sara (Fogdall) Miller**, BA '94, Greenwood MO, son Noah, born Sept. 15, '02. **Jay & Sara (Goodlove) Gallery**, BA '94, Central City IA, daughter Natalie, born Apr. 1, '02. **Peter & Jane (Kauten) Lutz**,





BA '94, St. Paul MN, daughter Abigail, born Oct. 22, '01. **Jeremy Butts**, BT '95 & **T.J. (Neff) Butts**, BA '94, Ankeny IA, son Dylan, born Mar. 27, '02. **John Roth**, BA '94 & **Karen (Roberts) Roth**, BA '94, Dike IA, son Cory, born Sept. 3, '02. **Michel (Nixon) Gage**, BA '94 & **Matthew Gage**, BA '97, Cedar Falls IA, son Tyson, born Aug. 16, '02. **Robert Fuelling**, BA '94 & **Trisha (Donlea) Fuelling**, BA '94, Oelwein IA, son Cooper, born June 6, '02. **Tim & Sara (Gilbertson) Janssen**, BA '94, Cedar Falls IA, son Carter, born June 11, '02. **Stephanie (Fritz) Harken**, BA '95, MA '02 & **Matt Harken**, BA '96, Waverly IA, daughter Madison, born Sept. 10, '02. **Craig & Lori (Smith) Larsen**, BA '95, Cedar Falls IA, daughter Ashlyn, born May 8, '02. **Darin Leach**, BA '95 & **Lori (Raver) Leach**, BA '96, Ankeny IA, daughter Morgan, born Mar. 4, '02. **Suzanne & Kirk Neuroth**, BA '95, Dike IA, daughter Malea, born May 14, '02. **Nichole (Rudolph) Olsen**, BA '95 & **Douglas Olsen**, BA '96, Audubon IA, son Marcus, born May 13, '02. **David & Nikole (Hackett) Ottavianelli**, BA '95, MBA '99, Cedar Falls IA, daughter Arianna, born Aug. 8, '02. **Eric Rembold**, BA '95 & **Brooke (Battey) Rembold**, BA '95, Overland Park KS, son Broderick, born Sept. 8, '02. **Matt & Amy (Ripple) Schermerhorn**, BA '95, MA '97, Bettendorf IA, daughter Kate, born June 29, '02. **Joshua & Jennifer (Luze) Wolff**, BA '95, Aplington IA, son Jacob, born June 21, '02. **Angie & Christopher Boyens**, BA '95, Davenport IA, daughter Elisabeth, born April 22, '02. **Jon & Jennifer Richardson**, BA '96, Poplar Bluff MO, son Kade, born Jan. 15, '02. **Alison & Patrick Daufeldt**, BA '96, Muscatine IA, son Aidan, born June 23, '02. **Jeff Pregon**, BA '96 & **Amy Nichols Pregon**, BA '93, Cedar Rapids IA, son Joseph, born May 4, '02. **April & Jamison Platte**, BS '96, Waterloo IA, son Dalton, born July 10, '02. **Dan & Lisa Behrends Wood**, BA '96, Independence IA, daughter Justine, born July 7, '02. **Kici & Terrance Campbell**, BA '96, Waterloo IA, daughter Teria, born July 26, '02. **Joey Woody**, BA '97 & **Heather Sellers Woody**, Cedar Falls IA, son Drake, born May 8, '02. **Chris & Daniel Reiter**, BT '96, Denver IA, son Colton, born April 8, '02. **Dan & Melanie Morrissey Distler**, BA '96, Waterloo IA, daughter Grace, born June 2, '02. **Jeff & Gina Tisue Meyer**, BA '97, Sumner IA, daughter Abby, born June 10, '02. **Adam Hoogestraat**, BA '97 & **Laci Aalderks Hoogestraat**, BA '98, Parkersburg IA, son Isaac, born May 21, '02. **Phil & Stephanie Vognsen Gonnerman**, BA '97, Cedar Falls IA, daughter Madison, born May 1, '02. **Holly & Christopher Overturf**, BA '97, Waterloo IA, daughter Macey, born May 15, '02. **Jennifer & Irvin Laube**, MA '97, Traer IA, son Tyler, born Sept. 9, '02. **Cindy & Jeff Mickey**, MA '97, Cedar Falls IA, son Elijah, born Sept. 4, '02. **Brian & Patricia (Bennett) Moulds**, BA '97, Dunkerton IA, triplet sons Tyler, Riley, & Brayden, born June 14, '02. **Scott & Melissa (Godfredsen) Caudill**, BA '97, Knoxville IA, son Logan, born Mar. 24, '02. **Rick & Andrea (Manternach) Mulling**, BA '97, Denver IA, son Cameron, born Apr. 20, '02. **Tom & Mindy (KoeHN) Schmidt**, BA '97, Waterloo IA, daughter Emma, born May 20, '02. **Nate & Courtney (Perez) Lubs**, BA '97, Cedar Falls IA, son Samuel, born June 30, '02. **Jessica & Michael Dennis**, BA '98, Cedar Falls IA, son Damien, born May 5, '02. **Kris & Mark Franzen**, MA '98, Waverly IA, son Matthew, born June 5, '02. **James & Sara (Carlson) Mock**, BA '98, Gainesville FL, son Benjamin, born Aug. 14, '02. **Tom & Sherri (Herrman) Ridder**,

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'00s **Jurgen & Sarah (Dostal) Block**, BA '00, Traer IA, daughter Elle, born June 20, '02. **Reid Carlson**, BA '00 & **Stephanie (Lesh) Carlson**, BA '00, LaPorte City IA, daughter Emma, born July 6, '02. **Jacob & Bridgette (Long) Huff**, BA '00, Cedar Falls IA, daughter Jenna, born Aug. 11, '02. **Mark Funk**, BA '00 & **Traci (Wegman) Funk**, BA '01, LaPorte City IA, daughter Madison, born July 26, '02. **Amber & Adam Holven**, BS '01, Waterloo IA, son Dylan, born Aug. 6, '02. **Jennifer & Jeremiah Lehr**, BA '01, Cedar Falls IA, daughter Haley, born Apr. 17, '02. **Derek & Dawn (Meyer) Kruger**, BA '01, Holland IA, daughter Taylor Rose, born Sept. 9, '02. **Joseph & Rochelle (Plendl) Moses**, BA '01, Cedar Falls IA, daughter Jayla, born Mar. 15, '02. **Aaron Clayberg** BA '95 & **Lisa (Doering) BA '94**, Ames IA, son Carter, born Feb. 12, 2002. **Scott Wagner** BA '95 & **Cynthia (Bishop) Wagner** BA '95, Traer IA, daughter Chloe, born Sept. 5, 2002. **Bill Yilek**, BA '96 & **Julie (Ingram) Yilek**, BA '92, Marion IA, son Joshua born Dec. 11, 2002. **Jason Peterson & Ellen (Ruhde) Peterson**, BA '96, Des Moines IA, son Brice born Jan. 3, 2003. **Jason Hamrock**, BA '96, & **Sarah (Miller) Hamrock**, BA '94, Chandler AZ, son Charles, born Dec. 3, 2003. **Manuel Macias & Lori (Myers) Macias**, BA '97, Davenport IA, daughter Alyssa born Nov. 10, 2001. **Matthew Graham**, BA '97 & **Mary Graham**, San Antonio TX, daughter Madison born Dec. 19, 2002. **Jason Techau**, BA '97, & **Kristi (Usher) Techau**, BA '96, Davenport, son Andrew born Sept. 19, 2002. **Aaron Titus & Jessica (Wimberly) Titus**, BA '97, Hagerstown MD, daughter Magdelen born Sept. 25, 2002. **Ross Barbatti & Tara (Reisinger) Barbatti**, Ames IA, daughter Madelyn born Dec. 20, 2002. **Jeremy Johnson & Nicole (Zumbach) Johnson**, Milford IA, son Tucker born May, 2002.

## DEATHS

'20s **Rachel Fabrick O'Grady**, BA '22, Barrington, IL, died June 12, '01. **Emma Olsen Scott**, 2-yr '22, Bloomington, MN, died Sept. 14, '02. **Florence Soper Rankin**, 2-yr '24, Dows, died Aug. 28, '02. **Olive Ritter**, 2-yr '24, Iowa City, died July 16, '02. **Bernice Musser**, 2-yr '22, BA '25, Cedar Falls, died July 10, '02. **Allen Walker Read**, BA '25, New York, NY, died Oct. 16, '02. **Luella King Burnett**, 1-yr '26, Rudd, died July 17, '02. **Ada Bang Wood**, 2-yr '26, Boise, ID,

died May 15, '02. **Naomi Spies**, 2-yr '27, Marshalltown, died Jan. 16, '02. **Aurelia Bender Dickson**, BA '28, Wood, SD, died Sept. 28, '02. **Olina Colby Schwab**, 3-yr '28, Waterloo, died July 4, '02. **Ruth Crawford Seferit**, 2-yr '25, BS '28, Waterloo, died May 11, '02. **Mary Moran Cogshall**, 2-yr '29, Nevada, died Sept. 10, '02. **Doris Enabnit Ward**, 2-yr '29, Greene, died July 25, '02. **Elta Franck**, BA '29, Quasqueton, died May 12, '02. **Edna Pinkerton Hiron**, 1-yr '28, 2-yr '29, Odebolt, died Aug. 27, '02. **Muriel Egan Houston**, 2-yr '29, Carroll, died Aug. 15, '02. **Melva Anderson Ritter**, 2-yr '29, Sac City, died June 18, '02. **Dorothy Muriel Poyzer Smith**, 2-yr '29, Spirit Lake, died May 23, '02. **Geneva Kuntz Beucher**, 2-yr '28, Minneapolis, MN, died Oct. 17, '02. **Edyth Garrett Johnson**, 2-yr '20, Council Bluffs, died Nov. 17, '02.

'30s **Ann Nordstrom Becker**, 2-yr '30, Cherokee, died May 13, '02. **Mary Pierce Cole Fitch**, 1-yr '27, 2-yr '31, Hudson, SD, died May 30, '02. **Helga Back Fulton**, 2-yr '31, Audubon, died Oct. 3, '02. **Ethel Stockdale Gelder**, 2-yr '31, Iowa Falls, died Sept. 24, '02. **Ilcil Pardun Welsch**, 1-yr '31, Eddyville, died Oct. 13, '02. **Gladys Severson Baldwin**, 1-yr '32, Cedar Falls, died Oct. 22, '02. **Dolores Schroeder Bennett**, 2-yr '30, BA '32, Carroll, died Sept. 11, '02. **Dora Nykvst Casey**, BA '32, Sac City, died Sept. 15, '02. **Jess Cole**, 2-yr '29, BS '32, Ames, died July 18, '02. **Bessie Hamil Hanisch**, BA '32, Mount Clair, CA, died Aug. 11, '02. **Fern McClannahan**, 2-yr '26, BA '32, Cedar Falls, died May 9, '02. **Lyndon Bower**, 2-yr '28, BA '33, MA '33, Dunkerton, died Apr. 28, '02. **Mae Mandernach Craford**, 2-yr '25, BA '33, Onawa, died Oct. 3, '02. **Esther Lotvedt Quass**, 2-yr '33, Ossian, died Aug. 18, '02. **Opal Burdick Root**, 2-yr '33, Cedar Rapids, died Feb. 5, '02. **Inez Ellison Barry**, 2-yr '34, Winfield, died Sept. 19, '02. **Grace Leversee Buckmaster**, BA '34, Waterloo, died May 22, '02. **Etwina Belschner Malven**, 2-yr '34, Maynard, died Aug. 8, '02. **Marie Fenstermaker Teisinger**, 2-yr '26, BS '34, Cedar Falls, died Sept. 29, '02. **Tom McClelland**, BS '35, Waterloo, died Aug. 21, '02. **Lawrence Raymond (LC) Stewart**, BS '35, Courtland, KS, died Dec. 8, '02. **Lenore Jay Carstensen**, 2-yr '36, Waverly, died June 1, '02. **Catherine Wallace Jacobsen**, 2-yr '36, Clinton, died Sept. 27, '02. **Lois Schwab Lambi**, BA '36, Fontanelle, died June 11, '02. **Sister Marie Eugene Lucille McBride**, 2-yr '36, Montgomery, AL, died July 12, '02. **Theodosia Ruggles Meyer**, 2-yr '36, Sun City West, AZ, died Mar. 11, '89. **Norman Mikkelsen**, BS '36, Laurel, MT, died Oct. 5, '02. **Axel Anderson**, BS '37, Columbus, OH, died July 6, '02. **Evelyn Davis**, 2-yr '32, BA '37, Red Oak, died July 26, '02. **Robert Getchell**, BS '37, Corpus Christi, TX, died July 16, '02. **Ellen Virginia McDonald**, 2-yr '37, Waterloo, died May 18, '02. **Edith Fink Mitchell**, 2-yr '37, Prince William, VA, died Mar. 24, '00. **Frank Brandt**, BA '38, Deming, NM, died Sept. 20, '02. **Mary Hawkins**, BA '38, Marietta, GA, died Aug. 30, '02. **Evelyn Faye Strader McKee**, 2-yr '38, Webster City, died June 17, '02. **Meryl Pfaltzgraf Nedtwig**, 2-yr '38, Waterloo, died Sept. 28, '02. **Allen E. Kane**, BA '39, McPherson, KS, died July 15, '02. **Marvel Lesch**, 2-yr '37, BA '39, Osage, died July 8, '02. **Eileen Sawyer Nelson**, BA '39, Jewell, died Sept. 24, '02. **Harriet Morris Woodard**, BA '39, Le Mars, died May 19, '02. **Asel Sackrisson**, 1-yr '30, 2-yr '33, Stratford, died Nov. 26, '02. **Mary Schwyhart Willoughby**, BA '32, Grundy Center, died Nov. 22, '02. **Eloise Moodie**





**Roese**, 2-yr. '30, Fort Madison, died Nov. 2, '02.

**'40s** **Jean Cooper**, BA '40, Cheyenne, WY, died Sept. 6, '02. **Avonelle Baughman Garrett**, BA '42, MA '61, Ames, died June 30, '02. **Dorothea Kitchen Petersen**, BA '43, Carmichael, CA, died July 9, '02. **Leone Corkery Harms**, 2-yr. '44, Waterloo, died Aug. 25, '02. **Marilyn Pauls Niermeyer**, 2-yr. '44, Lowden, died May 23, '02. **Merle Alpers**, 2-yr. '44, BA '45, Vinton, died Sept. 26, '02. **Mary Joens Bliesmer**, BA '46, DeWitt, died July 5, '02. **Lauren Hage**, BA '46, Park Rapids, MN, died July 8, '02. **Melvin Owen**, BA '46, West Des Moines, died May 10, '02. **Lois Behner Wade**, BA '46, San Fernando, CA, died June 30, '02. **Shirley George Nelson**, 2-yr. '47, Cresco, died Sept. 14, '02. **Doris Brown Weber**, 2-yr. '46, BA '48, Early, died Sept. 12, '02. **Helen Foote Larsen**, BA '48, Cedar Falls, died Sept. 22, '02. **Doris Yocom**, 2-yr. '48, Harrison, died Nov. 4, '02. **Robert Rellihan**, BA '49, Cedar Falls, died July 8, '02. **William Wiese**, BA '49, Pocahontas, died Aug. 5, '02.

**'50s** **Robert Topp**, BA '50, MA '74, Lake Mills, died June 12, '02. **Frank Whiteley**, BA '50, Ankeny, died Sept. 9, '02. **Thomas Borden**, BA '51, MA '61, Sanborn, died Oct. 7, '02. **Joyce Niles Hubbard**, 2-yr. '52, Council Bluffs, died Sept. 21, '02. **Shirley Tuomela**, BA '52, Carmel, CA, died Jan. 31, '02. **Margaret Tierney Winter**, 2-yr. '53, Long Lake, MN, died June '02. **Jeanne Moon Wirkler**, 2-yr. '45,

BA '53, Monona, died July 2, '02. **Joyce Shellabarg Asay**, 2-yr. '54, Rockwall, TX, died Mar. 28, '02. **Ethel Betts**, 2-yr. '50, BA '54, Carroll, died Sept. 23, '02. **Tillie Luitjens**, 1-yr. '37, 2-yr. '46, BA '54, MA '65, Sioux City, died Aug. 8, '02. **Dolores Sheda**, BA '54, Chelsea, died Aug. 21, '02. **Joan Wicks**, 2-yr. '54, Decorah, died May 16, '02. **Marilyn Hansen Foss**, 2-yr. '55, BA '55, Portland, OR, died Feb. 15, '02. **Gertrude McDonnell**, BA '55, MA '65, Independence, died Sept. 23, '02. **John White**, BA '55, Minnetonka, MN, died Mar. 13, '02. **Gwen Tomlinson McKinley**, 2-yr. '40, BA '56, Traer, died May 2, '02. **Helen Pope McNelly**, 2-yr. '56, Waterloo, died June 25, '02. **Mildred Swinton Schultz**, BA '56, Charles City, died Apr. 12, '02. **Florence Tayek**, 2-yr. '50, BA '56, Calmar, died Jan. 19, '02. **Sue Simms Wright**, 2-yr. '56, Phoenix, AZ, died Oct. 2, '00. **Mary White Underbakke**, 2-yr. '57, Jefferson, AL, died Jan. 31, '02. **Sadie Monson Corcoran**, BA '58, Iowa City, died May 2, '02. **Elizabeth Doran**, 2-yr. '52, BA '59, LaCrosse, WI, died June 16, '02. **Roy Karbula**, BA '59, MA '67, Webster City, died July 28, '02.

**'60s** **Louis Barrilleaux**, MA '60, New Orleans, LA, died May 26, '02. **James J. Wilson**, BA '61, Normal, IL, died July 31, '02. **Charles Thierman**, BA '63, MA '73, Des Moines, died Apr. 6, '02. **Richard Headington**, MA '67, Windsor, WI, died Apr. 7, '01. **Lynne Skuster Brady-Neuhaus**, BA '68, Cedar Rapids, died July 4, '02. **Kathleen Hamlin Schaffler**, BA '68, Hackensack, MN, died June 12, '02. **Ronald Vandenburg**, BA '68, MA '72, Milford, died July 20, '02. **Beverly Thomas**, BA '69, MA '80, Independence, died

Oct. 4, '02. **Gary Anderson**, BA '64, Toledo, IA, died Oct. 11, '02. **Margaret King Gamet**, BA '60, Tempe, AZ, died Sept. 24, '02.

**'70s** **David Graeser**, BA '70, Sidney, died July 10, '02. **Raymond Olien**, MA '70, Lima, OH, died Mar. 6, '02. **Douglas Halsted**, MA '71, Rudd, died June 28, '02. **Betty Pitsch Ferguson**, BA '72, MA '72, Cedar Rapids, died Aug. 13, '02. **R. Brice Kimm**, BA '72, BA '83, Cedar Falls, died June 27, '02. **Lloyd Eekhoff**, BA '75, Eldora, died June 20, '02. **Rosina Boston Holtz**, BA '76, Greene, died June 17, '02. **Arden Smith Murray**, 2-yr. '51, BA '77, Edinburg, TX, died Dec. 21, '01. **Beverly Olson Felkey**, BA '73, MA '76, Wallingford, IA, died Oct. 16, '02.

**'80s** **Todd Shelton**, BA '83, MA '85, Kingston, MA, died July 24, '02. **Barbara Young Erickson**, BA '89, MA '92, Janesville, died June 27, '02. **Timothy McFadden**, BA '89, Waterloo, died July 26, '02.

**'90s** **William Aegerter**, BA '92, Waterloo, died Mar. 27, '02. **John Page**, BA '94, Raymond, NH, died Aug. 25, '02. **Tomma Maas**, MA '96, Cedar Falls, died July 8, '02. **Pamela Kraft**, MA '98, Springville, IA, died June 23, '01. **Jennifer Morton McCullough**, BA '99, Hampton, died July 30, '02.

**'00s** **Nancy Merritt Bohling**, MA '00, Carroll, died Sept. 12, '02.

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kinship with him, an idealist, but a simple country man considered strange by his neighbors. I, too, had walked a field belonging to another, taking the beauty of the sunset, then going my way without the farmer knowing what he had lost. I also understood the deliberate impulse to go to the woods, to drive life into a corner, so that when I came to die I would not discover that I had not lived.

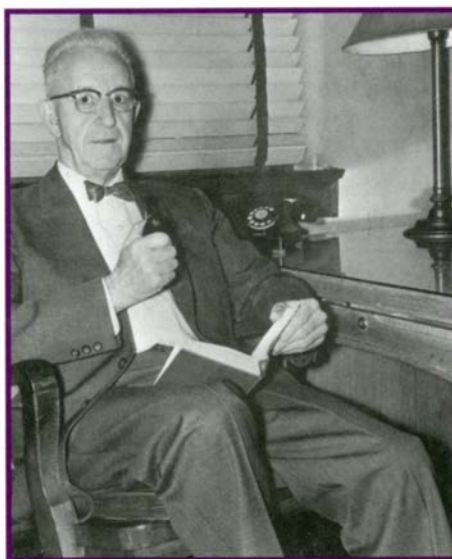
Reninger paraded endless ideas through my meager life, showing the rich diversity of man's imaginings. Some took hold, others were lost, ideas I was not yet ready to conceive.

Of these many voices, the clearest was Robert Frost. No staid New Englander, he was flesh and bone to me. At times of greatest decision in my life I heard him twanging: "Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, and I, I took the one less travelled by."

Religion inevitably intrudes into the formation of a person. It may be inherited, almost gene linked, so that it is beyond question, but anyone aspiring to intellectualism must deal with it, at least passingly. Reninger rarely spoke of religion. His willing disciples would have listened and eagerly spread his gospel, but he was after our minds, not our souls. He spoke comfortably and without bias when religious writings appeared in the curriculum, but he never revealed his own preference. As near as he came was bemused approval of the anecdote about Thoreau's deathbed scene, when the minister asked, "Henry, have you made your peace with the Lord?" To which he reportedly answered, "I didn't know we had been quarreling." This natural, non-theologic position suited him.

I was born a Roman Catholic, and as such had little inclination to question. Some of my new-found intellectual friends thought this was inconsistent with an otherwise inquiring mind, and that I should do something about it. Accordingly, I enrolled in a course of independent study of comparative religions. I read reformers and revolutionaries, mystics and ascetics, Aquinas and lesser scholastics. I concluded that the most active minds in

more than two thousand years did not offer anything with a more convincing claim to being the Truth. My concluding masterwork was a thesis entitled, "The Development of the Logos," which I really didn't comprehend. "I went out the selfsame door by which I entered," and remained Catholic. I liked the ritual and warmth, the color and tradition, and the security. I even partly understood the Latin. So, I decided to be peaceful and use my energies learning things that more readily lent themselves to exploration.



From Reninger's insight I adopted his version of the principles of Cardinal Newman's *Apologia*, "That life is worth living is the most difficult of truths, but the most necessary of assumptions. Posit something in to being, then live as if it were true." This has kept me calm when thinking about eternity and other imponderables.

Inevitably I had to leave this sanctuary. With prompting from the Army I applied to Medical School. I listed Reninger as a reference. Years later I learned that he had written, "To whom it may concern: this is to recommend to you a young man who has an uncommon liking for good books."

I enjoy imagining the effect this somewhat tangential cryptic note had on a committee of Philistines. Despite this I was accepted.

I visited him from time to time in later years. Eventually our biocurves crossed. I even called him Bill, and he

confided his concerns and fears. He was delighted when I would recall a favorite line and he then would expand what I had haltingly started.

The sepia of age has not softened my memory picture of him slouching strapped in a wheelchair, dried food on his bib, sharing a table in the nursing home with my mother. She with gun metal hair carefully coiffed, overly red lips talking earnestly with no one listening. Even in these last hollow days, he might announce that he was a teacher, then ask if I knew a certain author. He could still react to a quote, but mostly he was in a world apart. I prayed that it was brimming with grand ideas and peopled by his idols.

Sadly I watched them, my earthly mother and the father of my intellect, together a cameo of the seventh age of man, sans everything. Then he died, simply, as he would have described Thoreau's passing.

Among his students were many who became noted professors and teachers. The jewel of his legacy is a poet laureate, and there are those of us unrenowned whose minds were illumined and our lives enriched.

I knew him for more than forty years. He launched a desolate boy into a world that he made vastly more wondrous and beautiful. As I went my destined way, he was there, and in quiet moments or in times of greatest trial his echo came through to guide and comfort me.

Our lives had diverged but sharing of core values, morality and the search for truth remained unchanged. Together we had "taken the road less travelled by, and that has made all the difference."

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## Ode to an uncommon man

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My first view of him was from a carefully chosen back row seat near the door in Sophomore English. I was half trying to stay awake and in focus after a night's work at the meat packing plant. He strode to the front of the room in full professorial bloom and began his performance. Neither of us was much aware of or concerned about the other.

Up to that time much of my life had the sameness of cold oatmeal, gray and usually lumpy. Mother, young brother and I were authentic Horatio Alger, the proud poor, in the days before Welfare was invented. We worked and scrambled, drudging one foot in front of the other in a succession of empty days.

Without inspired resolve, I simply knew I was going somewhere, just to get away. College was the pathway. It wasn't well lighted and there were few markers. English 114 was a requirement for graduation, so I was there.

At some point, after a few weeks, I realized that I looked forward to the class. I moved toward the front of the room and began to participate uncertainly in the discussion. The subject had changed from ENGLISH to IDEAS. A few of the students began to take form and said hello. The professor was no longer anonymous. I learned that he was H. Willard GOD.

This was no casual, clever nickname flipped off randomly over a beer, and it certainly wasn't derogatory. H. Willard Reninger was so respected, even revered, that the serious students of the IN group referred to him simply as GOD. Of course, this was in his absence. In time I was adopted by the group and also assumed the privilege.

At first I was a bit disappointed. He may have held his own as a Deity, but in the flesh he was very medium: mid-forties, average height, receding hairline, prominent nose, glasses and a pipe. Beyond this no one really catalogued him. It would have been presumptuous to inquire about the hat

size of the Almighty. Anyway, we could not have agreed on a detailed description. So much of him was our individual projections that each preferred his own image.

At the lectern he was transfigured. He read in an unnerving manner. A quick glance at the page, then he looked up and recited three or four lines, while his eyes patrolled the class, snapping us to attention and injecting insight into each mind that blinked open. He was not just a reader, he was the author creating on the spot. His voice was the ideal instrument, flexible in range and volume, confidential,



seductive or thunderous and challenging. He had perfect pitch for ideas. His reading had more flavor and meaning than the author had put in.

Print became breathing essence, not just words. We met and knew the authors. I shared callouses hoeing with Henry David, had tea with Emerson who was too reserved for me, compared the common spirit of Frost's granite with Iowa loam, then escaped to the sensuous extremes of the literary Paul Bunyan, Thomas Wolfe.

At first we knew little about his life, nor did we care. Outside of class

professors inhabit a vague intellectual outback. In time we developed a less formal, but still self-conscious, personal relationship. It is not easy to fraternize with God. The group met at his home in the evening to read plays and poetry. We were joined by the local greats, farmer poet Jim Hearst, who had been crippled in a diving accident, and Ruth Suckow, a popular prairie novelist.

We eventually matured enough to see Reninger the man, and on at least one occasion in distress, when he was running low on Fig Newtons for the group. It was not surprising that his growing humanity did not diminish him.

At one meeting Sandburg was to read his poetry and sing. He needed a guitar for accompaniment, so I was sent scurrying about campus to find one. When the great man of the PEOPLE came to his songs, he patted the borrowed guitar and said in his rumbling paused accent, "Yes sir, I don't ever travel nowhere without Old Betsy." That moment one of my archangels stumbled.

Other visitors came to share what was beyond our cornfields, and under Reninger's guidance we explored the firmament, and discovered the first star of the morning, Emerson. "Trust thyself. Every heart vibrates to that iron string." Surely this was noble language, but I understood little how it applied to my life. Men have been stirred by rousing oratory and grand writings to sail on or to climb to unseen goals without ever learning the reasons. Sometimes the cadence is more than the content, and I marched to the rhythm of the words. The understanding came in later years when I appreciated the universality of Wisdom. "When we read the works of great men, we often find our own rejected thoughts returning to us with a certain alienated majesty."

Thoreau was next on the horizon. He was part of my world. I felt true

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